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Naturalists camp has legs

Adam Robinson searches for the daddy long legs he brought to share during the Junior Naturalists Camp at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre last week. Adam said he planned to release the creature. See more photos on page 34.

Chad Ingram Staff

Hand reattached after crash

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

An 18-year-old southern Ontario man severed his hand in an ATV crash on Kushog Lake Road on the morning of July 26.

But thanks to fast-acting cottagers, he's recovering in hospital, hand reattached.

Kim and Eva Tysdale were relaxing on their dock just after 11 a.m., when they heard a loud crash.

For a moment, they chalked up the clamour to

nearby construction.

"Then we heard this horrible, agonizing, painful sound, so my husband . . . he's a good runner . . . he runs up the hill," Eva said.

Seconds later it became clear the sounds were the screams of a young man and Eva feared they could be coming from one of her sons.

"I have an 18 year-old and a 16 year-old," she said.

Eva followed her husband up to the road.

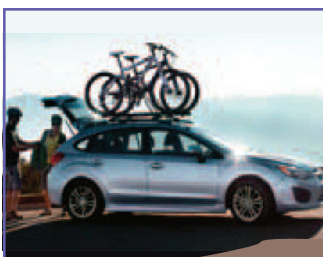
Kevin Barr, from the London area, had been ATving with a group of friends who were staying at an area resort.

Losing control of his ATV on the gravelly area at the road's edge, he'd grabbed the vehicle's bar before it tipped over.

"We see this man coming down the road and he's screaming in agony and bleeding and he has no arm," she said. "Immediately, with two hands, I applied pressure."

Eva is a registered nurse and her husband Kim is a physician with a practice in Cambridge.

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"I went into the house to get a towel and my husband went into the garage to get a rope," Eva said, explaining they'd fashioned a tourniquet for Barr's arm, his left, which Eva said was severed about three inches above his wrist. She called 911 and yelled for her son Ian, 18, to go out and search for Barr's hand.

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We see this man coming down the road and he's screaming in agony and bleeding and he has no arm.

— *Eva Tysdale*

Ian and a neighbour were able to locate the hand within five minutes.

Other neighbours had an ice machine and Eva sealed the hand in a plastic bag and stored it in ice until EMS crews arrived.

Eva tried to reassure Barr.

"I said I've seen fingers be reattached . . . I'm sure they can reattach your hand."

Barr was flown to Toronto from Muskoka since wet conditions meant ORGNE was unable to use Stanhope air-

port.

"The young man was very lucky to have a physician and a nurse present," county EMS director Pat Kennedy wrote in an email. "Not only to deal with the traumatic amputation, but their knowledge and experience of how to survive with such an injury, being able to make use of whatever was available were critical to his survival. Just as important were their actions of placing his limb in a dry plastic bag and then in ice - exactly the right action to take to preserve the integrity of the limb."

Barr was transported to Toronto Western Hospital where he underwent surgery to reassemble his arm.

"He's doing fine," his mother, Rochelle Bayes, told the paper Monday. "It's still all bandaged up. His fingers are pink."

Bayes said her son had previous ATVing experience.

"He was wearing his seat belt, he was wearing his helmet . . . he was doing everything you're supposed to do," she said. "He turned and needed to correct his turn."

Bayes said it was unclear whether Barr would regain use of his arm, but that he was in high spirits.

"It's going to be a long road," she said.

The Tysdales just purchased their cottage on Kushog Lake last October. Last week was the first extended vacation they'd spent there.

"I'm just glad we could help," Eva said.

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Michigan woman arrested for drunk driving

Police arrested a Michigan woman for drunk driving near Dorset last week.

On Monday, July 23, a 58-year-old woman was talking to OPP officers in a parking lot in the village.

They noticed she was drunk and watched as she got in her car and tried to drive

away.

She was stopped and charged with driving with more than 80 milligrams of alcohol in her blood.

She will be in Minden court on Aug. 1 to deal with the charge.

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Pan Am CEO visits Minden Hills

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It's official; Minden Hills will host the whitewater canoe and kayak events for the 2015 Toronto Pan/Parapan America Games.

While the Minden Wild Water Preserve was always the planned venue for the events, there was some uncertainty whether whitewater sports would be part of the games.

That question was answered definitively when games CEO Ian Troop visited Minden on Thursday.

Troop met with Minden Hills councillors during their morning meeting.

He said the games would be "the likes of which Ontario hasn't had since 1930," when Hamilton hosted the British Empire Games. "When I say this could be a once-in-a-life-time event . . . I'm not kidding."

Thousands of spectators are expected to attend the two-day whitewater event in Minden and athletes will be arriving five days prior for training.

Troop said the event should mean plenty of exposure for Minden Hills.

"It's a huge event for Latin America," Troop said, adding that some 350 million people had watched the 2011 Guadalajara games.

The whitewater races at the 2015 games will also serve as the Olympic trials for the 2016 Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

"It'll have great competitive relevancy," Troop said.

Meeting with business owners later in the day, Troop said there would be opportunities for local small businesses to get involved through the games' procurement program.

The games have a budget of \$1.4 billion and some \$350 million of that is allotted for goods and services, everything from linens to food to construction.

Tenders are divided into categories of less than \$10,000; \$10,000 to \$100,000; and more than \$100,000.



Ian Troop, CEO of the 2015 Toronto Pan Am Games, visited Minden last week, speaking with Minden Hills councillors in the morning and members of the community in the afternoon. The Minden Wild Water Preserve will officially host the whitewater canoe and kayak events for the games.

Chad Ingram Staff

"If you are interested, register your business on our website," Troop said, adding some 1,000 suppliers are already signed up to take part in the bidding.

According to Troop, the games should be the biggest economic driver in southern Ontario during the next three years, creating some 15,000 jobs.

Troop wasn't sure what the local economic impact might be in terms of dollars.

Volunteers from the area, likely in the hundreds, will be required for the event and Troop said volunteer recruitment would start in 2013.

On top of the anticipated economic impact, Troop said

another benefit for Minden Hills would be the "social legacy" of the event, allowing local children and the community itself to see their potential.

In all, some 10,000 athletes will travel to Ontario for the games.

Troop said operations are running on time and on budget, with construction of the aquatic centre in Scarborough and the athletes' village in Toronto already underway.

"We're only three years out . . . it's going to happen sooner than you think," he said.

For more information, visit www.toronto2015.org.

Addictions worker dies while swimming at Kinark Centre

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

A 40-year-old North York man died while swimming at the Kinark Outdoor Centre outside Carnarvon on Monday.

Ogugua Charles Ikocha was a staff member with the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

"He'd been up to the centre before," said Peter Moore, CEO of Kinark Child and Family Services. "He was an accomplished swimmer."

Ikocha submerged while swimming and was pulled from the water by a lifeguard.

According to EMS director Pat Kennedy, Ikocha had no vital signs as the lifeguard began CPR.

"Upon our arrival, the patient was still vital signs absent,"

Kennedy told the paper. "The paramedics assessed the patient and continued CPR en route to Minden hospital. He was pronounced dead by the physician."

EMS crews praised the actions of the lifeguard on duty.

A post mortem was happening Tuesday, according to the OPP.

The investigation is continuing.

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Minden Hills CAO loses job

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Minden Hills chief administrative officer Gerry Morrison has been let go by Minden Hills council.

The Times learned that Morrison was dismissed when he returned to work from a leave last week.

"I'm really not able to say any more than he's no longer with the organization," Reeve Barb Reid told the paper.

Morrison said he had no comment on the situation.

There was an incident between Morrison and members of council in February of 2011 as Morrison returned from a sick leave.

At that time, the CAO had been barred

from his office by Councillor Larry Clarke, who said Morrison was not allowed back on the job until the township's legal counsel was satisfied that some of his documentation was filled out properly.

Morrison returned to work the following day.

Morrison was set to retire at the end of the year and his replacement, Nancy Wright-Laking, formerly of the City of

Peterborough, was hired by council in the spring.

At their July 26 meeting, councillors approved a motion that had been discussed in closed session and then voted to appoint Wright-Laking as CAO/clerk/economic development officer for the township.

Kashagawigamog collision claims man's life

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

When Steve De Vries heard a woman's scream the morning of July 27 he didn't think it was anything serious.

A visitor from Toronto, De Vries, 16, was staying at a rented cottage at Halimar

Resort with family members when he was awoken at 7:10 a.m. by the sound.

A few minutes later, the scream was followed by the pulsating noise of sirens as emergency response vehicles made their way to a fatality near 2777 Kashagawigamog Lake Rd.

"I saw firetrucks and by the time I walked out of the cottage they wouldn't let me go too far," he said.

The sounds De Vries heard was an accident that claimed the life of pedestrian Richard Bieler, 70, from Thornhill.

The road was closed for approximately seven hours while OPP investigated the accident, which occurred between Bieler and a vehicle.

Members of the OPP's Technical Traffic Collision Investigation unit attended the scene to gather evidence for the investigation, which is ongoing, according to the

OPP.

A yellow tarp nestled amongst a green patch of grass covered the victim's body.

It is not known if alcohol or speed were contributing factors in the fatality. The speed limit on Kashagawigamog Lake Road is 50 kilometres an hour.

Other bystanders speculated if blindness from the sun played a role in the accident on the windy road.

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Culture Club takes to the trees

Angelica Blenich
Staff reporter

How can you tell the age of a tree?

This was just one of the questions put to children participating in Uber Arbor, a Culture Club session held on July 19 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre.

Part of a summer series, Uber Arbor featured retired Ministry of Natural Resources forester Peter Hynard, who shared his knowledge of trees and the outdoors.

Hynard showed kids how to determine the age of a tree by counting the rings in its trunk.

Then it was off for some exploring outside, where participants collected items to make arts and crafts with.

But not before using an increment borer, a tool that

extracts a core sample of a tree lined with rings, giving away its age.

The Culture Club program runs every Thursday at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. for ages six and up.

For more information or to register call 705-286-3763 or visit www.mindenculturalcentre.com.



Hilary Whiddon turns an increment borer to extract a core sample from the tree during Uber Arbor, a Minden Hills Cultural Centre Culture Club session held on July 19,

Angelica Blenich Staff

Parking lot must go: county

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Some Deep Bay Road residents will have to restore county land where they created a parking lot on the shore of Gull Lake.

That was the order from the county council on July 25.

Stan Brock, representing his son Chris, appeared before councillors reading a letter from his son, whose cottage is located adjacent the public land.

"We came up one weekend to notice that our neighbours had quickly created a gate, a gravel and concrete parking lot on their land and the county land and extended it entirely across the county land."

The county property, which borders the lake, had been used as an access point.

We immediately brought it to the attention of the county," Brock continued. "Eighteen months later, the parking lot, the gravel and the concrete are still in place, despite having contacted the county on numerous occasions."

The letter went on to say the county had advised the Brocks' neighbours, the Fabricius family, to apply for occupation of the land, something they and their neighbours opposed, and that they wanted the public land restored and buffered.

"If this matter is not resolved quickly, we are prepared to take the County of Haliburton to court to sue for the devaluation of our cottage and the resulting stress ensuing from this ongoing and unresolved situation," it read.

Roads director Doug Ray explained

the Fabricius family had been under the impression they owned the property, but had hired surveyors to look into it and were coming to the realization they did not.

Councillors were quick to make a decision.

"I will not support an occupation licence there," said Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt. "I think that parking lot needs to come down and that land be restored to what it was for other people's use. To me that's the end of the discussion."

Minden Hills Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch asked Ray how far the parking lot was from the lake, and Ray responded five to 10 feet, depending on the water level.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen said she thought the parking lot would have needed approval from provincial ministries and couldn't believe it was there.

She asked if there'd been any building permits and Ray said he hadn't asked for any.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid asked that county staff correspond with bylaw staff in Minden Hills so they might look into the existence of the parking lot.

"I don't know the answer, and I should, but it may be that none of it's allowed," Reid said.

Councillors resolved that the Fabriciuses restore the public land using soil and grass and they be required to plant a buffer of trees along the property line.

Ray said a set time limit would be given in which this work must be completed, or it would be done by the county and the family billed.

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Take paradise

AN ONGOING PROBLEM in Haliburton County is the takeover, sometimes wittingly and sometimes unwittingly, of public water accesses by waterfront property owners.

In my years covering council meetings here, I've seen several of these situations, from docks built on public land to property owners blocking off parcels they don't own with rocks and, as of last week, constructing a parking lot on county property.

It seems in this particular situation, the family responsible truly believed they owned the lakefront land, which abuts their own strip of shoreline.

A neighbouring family has been fighting for a year and half to have the county reclaim the strip of land and last week councillors made the very correct decision to do just that.

The folks who built the parking lot will have to replant the county portion and mark the boundary with trees.

It's vitally important the local upper- and lower-tier governments maintain the civic waterfront they possess. As I've written before in this space, lakes are the property of the federal government – they belong to everyone – and those who can't afford waterfront property still deserve the right to access those bodies of water.

To prevent situations like the one that arose last week, perhaps the county and the four lower tiers might consider signing or at least buffering their public waterfront properties.

A disturbing revelation from last week is that there are still people out there who believe there is nothing wrong with building a parking lot on a shoreline.

The importance of lake ecosystems has been an ongoing conversation for years now and many of the county's lake associations have adopted plans to ensure shorelines are being protected.

The county is doing the same with its shoreline tree preservation bylaw.

Lakes need the calcium of decomposing organic material along their shores to survive.

Imagine if all the residents of Gull Lake were to build parking lots on their waterfronts.

Yikes.

Be careful

There have been three tragic accidents in the county in the past week.

Last Thursday a young man severed his arm while ATVing. The following day, a jogger was hit and killed by a vehicle and earlier this week, a man died while swimming.

Please be careful folks.



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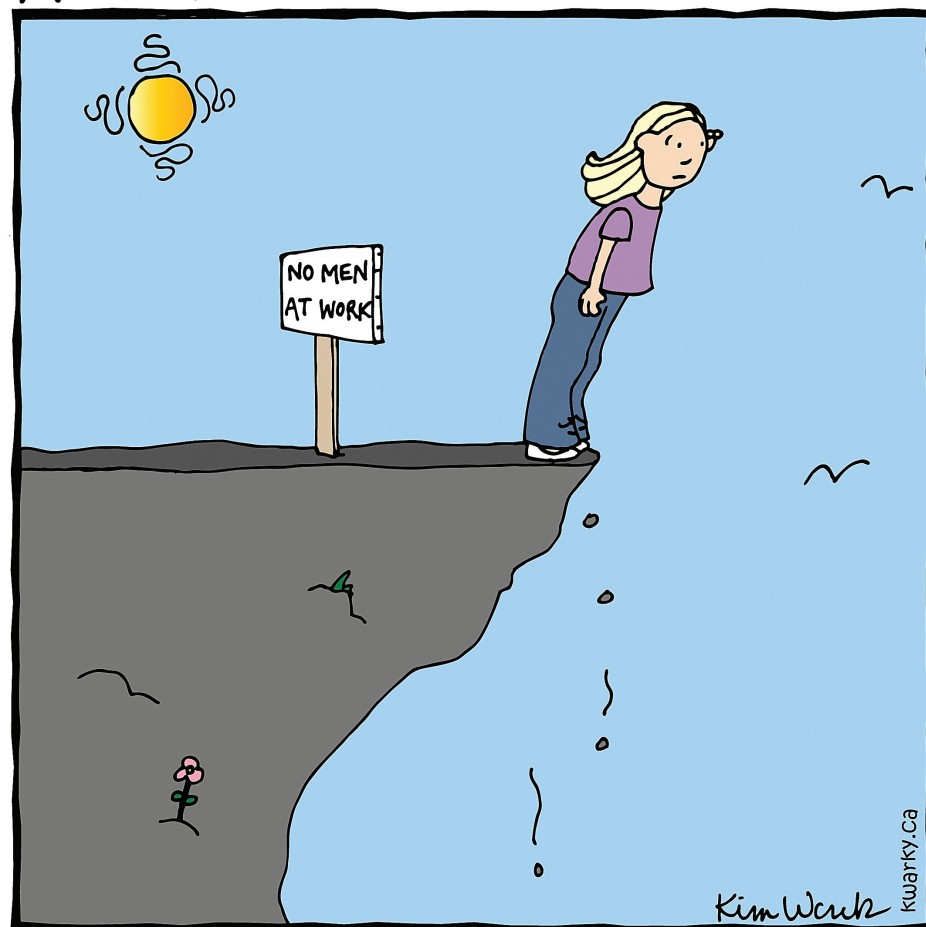
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CEWF calls for better TSW management

The following is an abridged version of an open letter to Dawn Bronson, central Ontario field unit superintendent of the Trent-Severn Waterway. Read the full letter on mindentimes.ca.

In its response to the report of the federally appointed panel on the Future of the Trent Severn Waterway entitled *It's All About the Water*, the federal government undertook to embrace a balanced approach to water management at the watershed level.

Three years later there is no evidence that the water management program has made any operational changes towards implementing a more balanced approach.

2012 is shaping up to be an unusually dry year, yet the TSW is continuing to operate as normal, admittedly with reduced flows on some sections of the canal.

Currently the water levels on almost all the canal lakes are at or above the top of their navigation range. Meanwhile, most of the res-

ervoir lakes are well below their average levels and several are forecast to drop by early August to levels not seen for more than 20 years. Safe navigation, fish habitat, as well as dock and marina access are being negatively affected.

The Coalition's Advisory Committee is of the opinion that the action taken commencing July 16 to effect an accelerated drawdown of the reservoir lakes is premature and unwarranted. A later start and more gradual drawdown would appear to be achievable by allowing the water levels on the canal lakes to drop to the lower limit of their designated navigation range. The coalition is not proposing such a step yet; rather we would like to see evidence of a dry year contingency plan that shares the pain more equitably amongst all stakeholders, while giving priority to public health and safety.

Although it is now not possible to put water back into the reservoir lakes without sub-

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points of view

A bit about Olympic sports

LIKE THE VAST majority of people, I am thoroughly enjoying the spectacle that is the London Olympic Games. It is fantastic to watch world-class athletes show us how it's done, especially when the drama of competition, colour commentating and national pride is thrown into the mix.

If I have one complaint, aside from the unveiling of the world's ugliest logo, it is we don't get enough background information on how the classic old sports originated.

Some, of course, require no further explanation. For instance, anyone can see the origins and importance of javelin throwing and archery – these were handy skills to have in times of war and for hunting. And, because of this, so too was any running, dodging or diving event.

It's also not all that difficult to imag-

ine why pole vaulting was useful, especially if you come from a short culture who cultivated tall fruit trees.

The same goes for fencing, wrestling, dressage and boxing; all of these sports evolved from martial activities that would have proved useful in days gone by.

What confounds me a bit are the other events. The pommel horse, for instance, raises several interesting questions. First of all, is it called pommel for what it does to the less skilled competitors? If so, is that old English spelling?

My guess is that this sport was one of those accidental discoveries that accompanied the first man trying to place the first saddle on a wild stallion

or bull.

Then again, I prescribe to the theory that a lot of sports start out from a place of pain – and some, like golf, remain there.

Ping pong is a perfect example. It seems harmless now but, unless I'm completely mistaken, I bet it emerged out of a highly effective battle techniques developed by Pygmy cultures to fight foreign warriors who wore short skirts and no underwear.

That's easy enough to guess. And – I won't lie to you – damn entertaining to imagine.

When it comes right down to it, however, the only real mystery to me is the gymnastic floor routine. What was its original purpose?



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

I just can't imagine an old grizzled general sitting on a hilltop, watching the battlefield and saying something like, "The Macedonian heavy cavalry is advancing. Let's dazzle them with a really snazzy floor routine. For the love of Zeus, this time have the men wear the blue sequined uniforms!"

You don't have to be a history buff to see this just doesn't ring true.

Then again, maybe the gymnastic floor routine also originated as a must-have skill required to dodge pointy things such as arrows and javelins. Because, I'm beginning to suspect, that back in the old days almost all events were based on the simple need to dodge pointy things – which is why those ping pong paddles must have come as quite a surprise.

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Accidental tourists

IT TAKES A certain suspension of disbelief to accept that it wasn't Dutch politics that turned the carrot orange. After all, who among you had ever heard of the World Carrot Museum until this very moment?

There may be one or two of you who hadn't heard that the carrot was bred to be orange to celebrate the Dutch House of Orange, which led the uprising that freed the Netherlands from the Spanish empire.

If that is news to you, probably you hadn't heard that Queen Anne's Lace is an escape from some New England garden that went rogue and devolved into its ancestral form, then marched north to Haliburton County.

Even somebody as ignorant of genetics as a newspaper columnist might find that last paragraph difficult to swallow. Given enough generations to evolve, the wild descendants of some tame seed might begin to look much different from its domesticated ancestors.

I get that part, but would that adapted plant follow its ancient lineage backwards so perfectly that the wild carrots along the Buller Road look just like the tame carrot's old-world antecedents?

Nothing spoils a good story like

more research. One published source treats that theory like gospel. Other sources don't even mention it, speculating that some wild carrot seed got mixed in with shipments of the tame stuff, or arrived in some pioneer's pant cuff.

The World Carrot Museum argues that it was mere coincidence that the Dutch farmers of Hoorn were perfecting the orange carrot in the 16th century, about the time the first William of Orange was shrugging off the Spanish yoke. (Tame carrots are other colours in other places.)

Given the state of the Internet in those halcyon days, the yeomen horticulturalists of Hoorn may not even have heard there was a revolution, let alone a House of Orange. Or so argues the museum.

Our own wild carrot is a biennial. Its root is white and much smaller than its tame cousin's but in its first year, the year before it blooms, it tastes and smells like an orange carrot.

I prefer to think of it as Queen Anne's Lace. The dark red dot of a tiny bloom that is smack dab in the middle of some of its composite flowers gives

it its name.

Queen Anne is said to have been making lace when she pricked a finger and spoiled her work with a bit of blood. That's the Queen Anne who was married to the third William of Orange, the King Billy who won the Battle of the Boyne and gave us July 12.

Whatever you believe, Queen Anne's Lace certainly is an immigrant, but then so are most of the plants that dress up the roadsides and old fields of Haliburton County.

By my uncertain and unscientific count, if you put aside the aster family, there weren't many roadside flowers to greet the first Europeans when they arrived in eastern North America. Not that there were many roadsides either. Or old fields, for that matter.

Imagine how bland the Haliburton countryside must have been a couple of centuries back. No ox-eye daisies. Neither clovers nor vetches. No Canada thistle or heal-all or lilacs or devil's paintbrush.

No tall buttercups or bird's-foot trefoil or dandelions or St. John's-wort or butter-and-eggs or common mullein



Neil Campbell
Back of Beyond

or coltsfoot to yellow up the countryside.

They arrived by accident, on settlers' tools or clothing or mixed in with tame seed. They arrived by design, as garden vegetables, sometimes said to have medicinal value, as garden flowers, or as field crops. Now they are beautiful weeds.

Some of our come-from-aways flourish because they taste so bad nothing wants to eat them, which gives them an advantage over rivals that might be gobbled up before they go to seed.

The roadside and woodland plants of Sapsucker Ridge are our flower gardens. To try to make our own would be spoiling a masterpiece, or so argues The Brown Dog Jiggs, who does not have a green paw.

On the next concession south of us, in damp spots along the Deep Bay Road, broad swaths of the native Joe-Pye weed paint July a pinkish purple. Who needs a formal garden, anyhow?

(NOTE – Pauline Plooard, Heather Ross, Sheila Ziman and, especially, Anne Campbell, set me straight after I'd done too much research for this column.)

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Email your letter to the editor to: jenn.watt@sunmedia.ca

letters

The TSW needs to take action, coalition says

from page 6

replace some logs in some of the dams to slow the rate of decline and extend the current level of navigation further into the boating season.

The coalition is ready and willing to work

with Parks Canada and its Water Management Advisory Council to improve on water management issues. We see the need for significant capital funding plus updated water management operating procedures that incorporate approaches for a more balanced approach to

handling extreme dry or wet seasonal weather patterns.

We urge the TSW to take action to modify its drastic drawdown of the reservoir lakes.

Coalition Advisory Committee Members

Chris Riddle, co-chairman, Kennisis Lake; Martin Rist, co-chairman Drag Lake; Roger Cunningham, White Lake; Ted Spence, Catchacoma Lake; Bruce McClennan, Gull Lake; Bill Cornfield, Horseshoe Lake; Carole Russell, Halls and Hawk Lakes



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Request For Proposals

We are requesting proposals for the following:

1. Sewer Flushing & Cleaning

Tenders will be accepted by qualified contractors and will be received in a SEALED envelope clearly marked **"Tender for Sewer Flushing & Cleaning in the Township of Minden Hills"** no later than Thursday August 2nd, 2012 at 12:00 noon. Please visit www.mindenhills.ca (notices) for full details.

Any Tenders are to be addressed to the following:

Township of Minden Hills
Attention: Chris Voth, Environmental and Property Operations Manager
PO Box 359
7 Milne Street, Minden, ON
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A FIRE BAN has been posted for the Township of Minden Hills.

**NO BURNING OR
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All fire permits issued are cancelled until further notice.

For further information a please call:
Fire Chief Doug Schell @ (705) 286-1202 or
Office Reception @ (705) 286-1260 Ext: 212

Meetings And Events

June 29th – August 31st Farmers' Market, #118 and #35, Carnarvon
Fridays thru to August 31st 7:00pm to dusk Music by the Gull, Water Street & Bobcaygeon Road
August 3rd & 4th 33rd Annual Flower Show, Minden Community Centre
August 4th 8-11:30am Household Hazardous Waste Day – Scotch Line Landfill
August 5th Highland Yard, downtown Minden
August 6th Administration Office closed for Civic Holiday.
August 9th 9:00am COTW meeting, Minden Council Chambers (Special & Public meeting 10:00am)
August 11th Minden 150 Bike Tour (3rd Annual)
August 17th & 18th Haliburton County Fair, Minden Fairgrounds, Bobcaygeon Road <http://www.haliburtoncountyfair.ca>
August 18th 10:00am Finance Advisory Committee Meeting, 2nd floor boardroom Municipal Building
August 23rd 9:00am Minden Hills Cultural Centre Advisory Committee Meeting Centre
August 30th 9:00am Council Meeting, Minden Council Chambers (public session 10:00 am)
September 3rd Administration Office **CLOSED**
September 13th COTW/General Council Meeting **CANCELLED**

Fire Calendar Winners

**Calendar Winners for Minden Fire Department
Week of July 16th
Lynn Beathune & Audrey Northey**

Notice of Returned Tax Notices

The Township has received an unusually large number of returned tax notices due to incorrect mailing addresses. Final Tax Notices were mailed on June 29th, 2012. The first installment due date is now past and the second installment due date is September 21st, 2012. If you require assistance, please contact the Township Office at 705-286-1260.

When mailing your tax payment please be sure to include PO Box 359, otherwise your payment may be returned to you by Canada Post.

Committee Opportunity

Property Standards Committee

We are seeking 1 committee member and 1 alternate member from the public for the Property Standards Committee, for the remaining term of the current Council to November 30, 2014.

Please provide the undersigned with a Letter of Interest on or before August 17th, 2012.

Please contact Colin McKnight at cmcknight@mindenhills.ca, by calling 705-286-1260 Ext. 210 or at our office at #7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.



Great Green Garage Sale:

R.D. Lawrence Place will be holding its annual Great Green Garage Sale on August 4th from 9am to 1pm and is currently looking for people interested in renting a booth. If you would like to be a part of this huge community yard sale pick up an application form at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre or visit www.mindenculturalcentre.com to download one. If you have items you would like to donate to the Cultural Centre to sell you can drop them off in the Cultural centre Common Room on the following dates and times:

- July 28, 10:00am to 5:00pm
- July 31, 10:00am to 5:00pm
- August 1, 10:00am to 5:00pm
- August 2, 10:00am to 8:00pm
- August 3, 10:00am to 5:00pm

Off the Wall Art Sale

Tired of the art work on your walls? Here is an opportunity to change things up. Bring in art work that you no longer want and have it put into this one day sale on August 4th from 9am-1pm. Anything goes! Prints, original paintings, wall hangings. The Agnes Jamieson Gallery will split the proceeds 50/50 or you can donate all of the proceeds to the gallery. Don't forget to also come and buy something new to hang in your home or cottage. Art work can be dropped off in the Cultural Centre Common Room on at the same times listed above. Stop by the Agnes Jamieson Gallery to pick up a form or visit www.mindenculturalcentre.com on the Agnes Jamieson Gallery page to download one.

Highlands Sustainable Words Festival

Join celebrated authors, performers, and historians for the first annual Highlands Sustainable Words Festival! TED-style talks, workshops, award-winning authors and performers, Books Alive Book sale, and an evening performance of comedy, monologists, authors, singer/songwriters and theatre - all under the twinkling lights of the Cultural Centre tent. Come and devour the sustenance of words on August 6th from 2pm until 10pm.

- Books Alive Book Sale 10am-2pm in the common room
- "Playing with Words" 2pm-4pm under the Big Tent, Free admission
- "Writing with Words" 4pm-6pm under the Big Tent, Free admission
- "Performing with Words" 7pm-10pm under the Big Tent, Admission \$15

For more details on all of our programming please check our website at www.mindenculturalcentre.com or call (705) 286-2808

Notice

The Council of the Township of Minden Hills will consider the following amendments to the Comprehensive Fees and Charges By-law at their regular Council meeting scheduled for Thursday, August 30th, 2012, at approximately 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers, 7 Milne Street, Minden:

- A) Schedule A: Building Department Fees
 - Housekeeping
- B) Schedule F: Planning Department Fees
 - Deposit for expenses amount and housekeeping

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY

We are seeking 1 Seasonal Labourer to assist in the Roads Department with road maintenance and cold mix operations commencing immediately.

A minimum Class D-Z Driver's Licence is preferred. Knowledge and previous experience with snow plowing, road maintenance and construction practices and asset.

In accordance with the current Collective Agreement with CUPE Local 4286 the rate of pay is \$16.57 per hour.

Interested parties are invited to submit their resumes no later than August 9th, 2012 by 12:00 noon in a SEALED envelope, clearly marked "Seasonal Labourer - Roads" addressed to:

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Minden, Ontario
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Attention Mr. Kevin Hill, CRS-S, Road Superintendent

We thank all applicants who apply but only those selected for an interview will be contacted. Personal information and supporting material is used in accordance with the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act.

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County applies for Rail Trail upgrades

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county will be applying to the federal government's Community Infrastructure Improvement Fund for upgrades to the Haliburton County Rail Trail, the purchase of GIS technology and improvements to the county office building on Newcastle Street in Minden.

Councillors decided to apply for the funding at their July 25 meeting.

The Rail Trail projects include repairs to the trestle bridge at Howland Junction –

the deck and some of rail ties need replacing – at a cost of approximately \$275,000 plus taxes, similar renovations to the Gellert railway bridge for approximately \$65,000 plus taxes and drainage improvements for \$70,000 plus taxes.

The fund will pay up to 50 per cent of project costs, but priority is given to projects where one-third is requested. This is the direction the county will be taking.

The fund will provide \$49 million over two years.

"It's a small amount of money," said Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen thought the Rail Trail upgrades could help council resolve some of its issues on the corridor.

"If we gave some priority to work on the Rail Trail, we might be able to resolve our concerns about the timing of the season," Danielsen said.

While in the past the county has opened the trail up to ATVs beginning in June, this year the start date was moved up to May 15.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid has been pushing for the date to be changed to May 1 to achieve consistency with the City of Kawartha Lakes, into which the trail passes

at Kinmount, put there have been some concerns about having ATVs on the trail in soft, muddy conditions.

New GIS software and programming costs to enhance the county's website would run about \$25,000 (treasurer Laura Janke said a programmer might eventually be required on staff) and a new generator and elevator repairs at the county office would cost some \$140,000.

The money the county would require for its two-thirds of the project would equate to a two per cent tax increase, which councillors seem to agree could be deferred to the 2014 budget.

County council adopts Rail Trail recommendations

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Consultant Kate Hall's recommendations for the Haliburton County Rail Trail were adopted by councillors at a July 25 meeting.

Hall's suggestions were the result of a public consultation process that took place over the last year. Those recommendations include accepting the Haliburton ATV Association's offer of \$5,000 a year over five years for trail upgrades; freezing existing uses on the trail; that the ATV season run from June 1 to Nov. 30; development of community zones with

reduced speed limits; development of a risk management strategy; enhancement of the Rail Trail's web presence; and the appointment of a staff member to oversee the trail.

There are many others and the report can be read in full by searching the July 25 county council agenda on the county's website.

There are also recommendations for upgrades that will require the county spend a considerable amount of money at some point in time. Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid, as she has before, advocated the start date for ATVs on the trail be moved to May 1 to achieve consistency with the City of Kawartha Lakes.

While the start date in the county has tradi-

tionally been May 1, council allowed May 15 as a trial this year.

"I think we have to have a conversation about May 1 versus the middle of May," Reid said. "This is all about tourism and I think we should be seeking alignment [with Kawartha Lakes]. We are the ones out of alignment."

Reid wanted to vote to make May 1 the start which Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said would be mean rescinding the just-passed motion to accept the recommendations and council agreed that decision could be made closer to the spring. While Reid had pushed for side-by-side ATVs to be added to the list of permitted vehicles at

a tourism development committee meeting earlier in the month, she said, "I understand why the side-by-sides continue to be an issue for Haliburton County."

At the committee meeting, it was revealed that Reid had invited a representative from Bombardier to visit councillors to speak about side-by-sides, but her colleagues pointed out that council had agreed to hear no more presentations dealing with the Rail Trail, at least until Hall's recommendations had been dealt with. Reid had said the rep would be still be coming, bringing with him demo models, which councillors could either look at or ignore.

Notice

The Township of Minden Hills and the
Township of Algonquin Highlands - 2012



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September 1 Dorset Landfill
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On the farm

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Make It Minden had a distinctly rural feel on July 25. Hosted at the Minden Mercantile

and Feed Company Inc., there were live-stock displays and a farm-themed obstacle course.

Make It Minden offers family events at locations throughout Minden every Wednesday night during the summer.



Chad Ingram Staff

It's not just for politicians anymore. Participants of a farm-themed obstacle course during Make It Minden on July 25 got to shovel manure into wheelbarrows as part of the fun.



Left, Brooklyn McFarlane collects eggs as part of an obstacle course.

Below, these goats were among the animals on site.



Highlands East Studio Tour is offering an opportunity for budding artists to participate in the workshop "Mastering Techniques in Acrylics" with Peter John Reid.

This is an excellent opportunity to learn his techniques, practice them and know how, when and where to use them.

The four day course will be held at the Robert McCausland Centre in Gooderham, August 13th to 16th from 9:30am to 4:30pm. Cost of the course is \$240. This fee will include provision of paints.

There will be a maximum of 14 places in order to allow for one on one time with Mr. Reid and enough space to work effectively. Due to the limited nature of the space for this workshop, early registration would be appreciated.

For complete course information, to register and obtain a material list, please contact Jan Simon, Highlands East Studio Tour Chair at 705-448-2868 or by email at JanDreamweaver@aol.com

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Dust levels cause complaints

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Minden Hills is getting complaints about dusty roads.

"Something that's not on our agenda, we've had concerns from ratepayers over the last couple of weeks about the amount

of dust on our roads," Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid said at a July 26 council meeting. "We've had an incredibly dry summer."

Reid said residents have asked about calcium chloride and why it wasn't being applied to roads.

"No. 1 is price," said roads superintendent Kevin Hill. "We're trying to keep the

price down."

The township did budget \$18,000 for calcium chloride for 2012.

At \$450 a kilometre, that's enough to treat about 41 kilometres of road.

To do the rest of the roads in the township, would cost at least another \$30,000.

"I wish a lot of [the complaints] would come to the roads department so we

could deal with it from there," Hill said.

The department has been watering roads to keep dust levels down and Hill said if people contact the department directly, he can get water trucks out quicker.

Councillors agreed more money for calcium chloride might be something to consider in the 2013 budget.

Township of AH seeks input from residents for cultural plan

➤ **Three public forums, online survey to take stock of local culture**

Over the next two weeks, the township of Algonquin Highlands is holding three public forums to get input from its residents to help with the creation of a municipal cultural plan.

Municipal cultural planning is a process for leveraging a community's cultural resources to support economic development.

Cultural planning is about a lot more than music and ballet, it is about who we are, where we come from and what we value.

That means heritage, creative businesses, landscapes, cottaging, fishing, friendly neighbours, logging, the old kids' camps, the view from the Dorset Tower and a whole lot more.

The township is asking its residents, both year-round and seasonal, to help capture "what your piece of Algonquin Highlands means to you" and to contribute to the future of community planning and development.

The planning process is including Car-

narvon and the Lake of Bays side of Dorset.

The forums are being held in Dorset on Wednesday, Aug. 8, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre; in Stanhope on Saturday, Aug. 11, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall; and in Oxtongue Lake on Wednesday, Aug. 15, 7 to 9 p.m., at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre.

On the flyer for the forums is says: "Join the community forum most convenient for you. You bring your ideas we'll bring the treats!"

People who can't attend a forum, are encouraged to complete the online sur-

vey.

For more info about the township of Algonquin Highlands municipal cultural plan, or to access the online survey, go to www.algonquinhighlands.ca, click on "Recreation and Culture" and then on "Municipal Cultural Plan."

Surveys can also be picked up at the municipal offices, libraries and the Dorset Recreation Centre.

The project is funded with support from the Ontario Ministry of Tourism and Culture and the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

For details or directions to the forums, call the township office at 705-489-2379.

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County council considers 2015 Senior Games

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

Haliburton County council will consider bidding to host the 2015 Ontario Senior Winter Games.

The idea came up at a July 25 council meeting, where chief administrative officer Jim Wilson submitted a report explaining that not a single community had put in a bid to host the event, with the bid deadline passing recently.

It has been reopened with the deadline for letters of intent in August and formal proposals in October.

The county hosted the 2011 Winterfest games and Alan Clark, who headed up the

organizing committee for that event, has volunteered to put together a proposal if council so chooses. Dysart et al Reeve and County Warden Murray Fearrey said he didn't think there was any harm in submitting a letter of intent, but added there were many considerations to be made, including the fact it would mean committing a new council to hosting the event.

Algonquin Highlands Deputy-reeve Liz Danielsen was concerned about the large amount of work and who would do it.

"We're down one staff member since we did that," Danielsen said, referring to former economic development and tourism director Bob Smith, who was not replaced after his departure in the spring. "That's a lot of work."

The 2011 event, which took place over three days in February, required hundreds of volunteers and Fearrey said some of those people had said they wouldn't do it again.

Some staff members were also "voluntold" to take part, said treasurer Laura Janke, something Algonquin Highlands Reeve Carol Moffatt said she didn't want to see happen again.

Janke said general manager Myke Malone and his team had done much of the organizational work and the event wouldn't have gone as smoothly without them.

"They took over," she said.

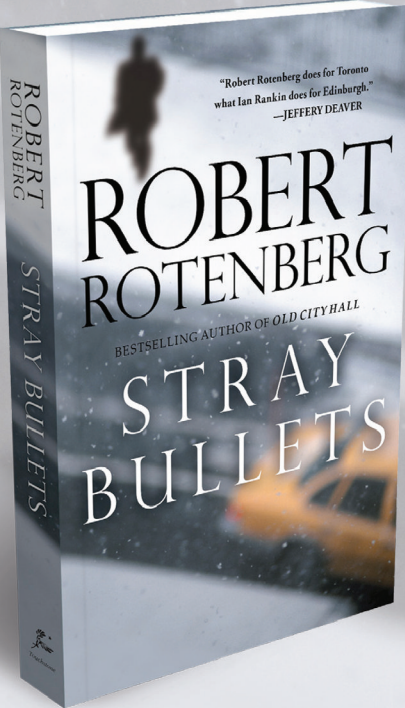
Janke also said that grants the county received last time meant it didn't have to dip into the \$200,000 retainer the host com-

munity is required to provide, grants that she said likely wouldn't be available again.

Minden Hills Reeve Barb Reid suggested taking a survey of the volunteers from the last event to see how many would do it again.

"There's always the notion that building the first aeroplane is the toughest," Reid said, explaining she thought that since the county had been through the process once, it would be easier a second time around. While the 2011 event was considered a success by most organizers and athletes and gave the county some new recreational equipment, many area businesses reported they felt no economic impact.



The county will be sending a letter of intent.



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Helping hands

The Minden Hills Cultural Centre's Culture Club got a helping hand last week, as RBC Dominion Securities and Arts Alive Minden each donated \$1,500 to the children's summer program. From left are Agnes Jamieson curator Laurie Carmount, Beth O'Connor of RBC and Georgina Parkes and Michael Fay of Arts Alive.

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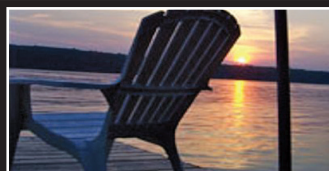
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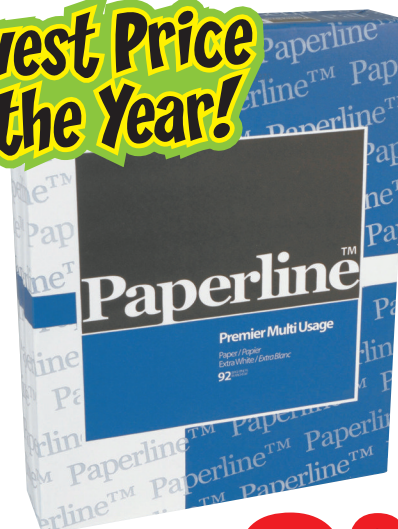


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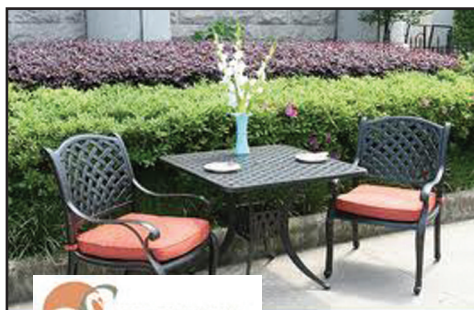
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Fishing derby winners

On Saturday, July 7, Kennisis Lake held their annual Rock Bass Fishing Derby. They had a great turn out, it was a great day of fishing for all involved. Thanks to everyone for participating. In the 12 and under category Meghan Beaton and Megan Neely caught a total of 34.1 pounds of rock bass. In the 13 and over category Monte Lin and Stephanie Lin caught a total of 48.4 pounds of rock bass. Congratulations to the winners! A total of 243.76 pounds of rock bass were caught by the 11 teams! Back row, from left, Mike Neely, Stephanie Lin and Monte Lin. Front row, from left, Megan Neely and Meghan Beaton. /Photo submitted

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Fishing for food

The Haliburton County Bass Club held a tournament on Kashagawigamog Lake on July 7.

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Growing chemical-free food

Story and photo by Lea Kitler

I remember growing up in the city of Toronto and going into the cold cellar to get a jar of peaches that Mom and I had preserved the year before. We would pack the family in the old wood paneled station wagon and head off to Niagara every fall and bring back bushels of pears and peaches. We were a family of seven back in the day and to grow up working for our food was not a chore, it was our reality. During my time there, I always wondered about what it would be like to live on a farm.

A lot for me has changed since then and my love for the "fruits of my labour" has grown deeper. I have been on the farm for 10 years learning how to grow chemical-free food. We plant in order to eat fresh fruits and vegetables and to preserve whatever we can for the long winter ahead.

We now have enough for our guests and our Community Supported Agriculture program, which is in full swing from July to September. Customers arrive weekly for 12 weeks to collect their share of the bounty. New this year is open farm gate every Saturday where many arrive by the car full to explore the farm, meet the animals and pick up fresh veggies.

It's far too hot these days to continue to grow product in the greenhouse and it would take too much energy to cool the room. So, we have decided to use the space as a drying room. With many of the herbs ready to use we will set them on racks and allow the moisture to



All hands in the garden for weeding and keeping our plants happy in mid summer. This is where checking for weed infestation, bugs and watering is the most important for the success of a good crop.

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naturally come out of them. They will be packaged and stored for use through out the next year. We will also

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learning how to dry carrots, peas and beans that will be added to soup mixes for the winter.

For the past two years we've had bees on the farm and we are learning more and more about how big of a role they play in our ecosystem. Endless hours they work to keep their queen happy and in return they keep us alive by pollinating our plants. In August we harvest the sweet wild flower honey, leaving more than enough in their hives to sustain the colony for the winter. We are taking a bit of pollen from each of the five hives and adding it to our diet.

All too soon the cool August nights will come upon us, and for those vegetables that haven't fully matured yet, we will make the nightly trip to put row covers over them so they have a chance to ripen before the frost kills them.

It is interesting how the circle and cycle of sustainably continue to grow for us, as we experience first hand and taste of the fruits of our labour.

We challenge ourselves to see what we can add to our plate next as we desire new tastes.

Lea Kitler is one half of the Magnificent Hill farming duo which includes Diane Doiron. The farm is located at 1258 Magnificent Road in Highland Grove.

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Swimming in the dark

Story and photo by Janet Trull

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Here's how you go about it.

1. Wait until the sun goes down. If you cannot wait, do a thorough check of the shoreline for incoming canoes.

2. Wrap a generous-sized towel around yourself.

3. Quietly go to the water's edge.

Skinny-dipping is silent and stealthy. If you alert your binocular-toting neighbour in any way, your dip may be misinterpreted as exhibitionism.

4. Toss your towel and slip in. Fast. Maximum time lapse? .3 seconds. (This cuts down on the time you have to politely avert your eyes from accompanying dippers.)

5. Nirvana. Dark water is softer and smoother than daytime water. It feels like you are gliding through yogurt.

6. Get your hair wet. It won't look pretty in the morning, but your damp head will keep you cool all night.

7. Prepare an exit plan. Slippery rocks and slivers from the dock can decrease the pleasurable aspects of your experience.

8. Sleep like a baby. Research shows that skinny dippers live longer, healthier lives than any other segment of the population.



Unidentified skinny dippers at Haliburton Lake.

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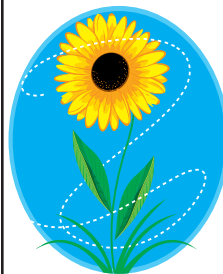
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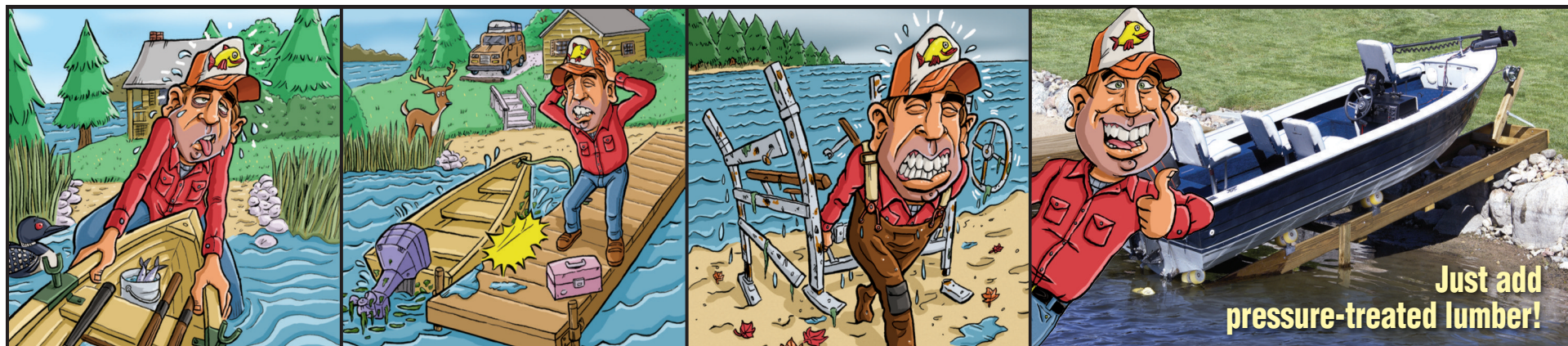
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Trail of textures on Eagle's Nest

Story and photo by Barbara Shaw

High above Bancroft there sits a beautiful park with a well worn and rugged trail.

The Eagle's Nest Park, for all its beauty and everything it has to offer never seems too crowded. Those who show up to take a peek from the hawk watch or to wander the trails all seem touched by the beauty of this special spot, smiling and chatting as they hike by.

The road to the park is in poor condition and it is a steep, steep drive up the long hill. There are local boot camp enthusiasts who hike up the road but the most enjoyable part is certainly at the top so don't feel too badly about using your vehicle to make it easier.

Two small parking areas are available at the top of the hill.

When you leave the car, walk past the big trail sign and make your way to the hawk watch.

Built by the Bancroft Field Naturalists Club in 2001, the lookout is a must-see destination.

The view is breathtaking and when no one else is around it's a perfect place to think about life as you watch birds soar on the thermals.

Setting out from the hawk watch, look for the blue markers that guide you through the Christie Trail.

The trail is just over a kilometre in length and there are a few shortcuts if you need to opt out part way through the journey.

The trails are easy to follow but they are rugged so wear solid footwear and think about a backpack for your water and camera so that your hands are free.

There are a few spots where you will have to clamber over trees and having your hands free makes it much easier.

One of the neat things about the trails in the Eagle's Nest Park is the hollow sounds that comes from under your feet. It's pretty distinct and worth noting as you hike through the forest. Considering the massive rock that the forest has grown up on, the soil is probably not too deep.

Through the trail you will be surrounded by a multitude of textures and colours. There are rock walls and rough cedar trees, ferns and moss growing on everything. Considering the intense heat and drying conditions we have seen this summer there are still amazingly a few patches of mud.

Some of the trails are even covered with a mossy carpet that is a treat to walk over.

Take your time and feel the textures of the plants and mosses, enjoy the changing smells as you move from cedars to hardwood forests and listen for the birds.

The trail leads you out of the woods and up to Brethour Lake. The water is low this year because of the heat and it is very still. There is a bench if you need a break and again, it is a wonderful place to stop and think.

Heading back on the trail you will eventually cross the road and head into a very different wooded area.

The trees are tall and will make you feel protected.

Heading uphill, downhill and uphill again you will eventually land back on the road a quick walk away from the park.

At a good pace the trail can take an hour.

This is a rugged trail and hiking through the park is a work out. Pack lots of water for your trip but keep in mind there are no public washrooms. The nearest ones are located down Hastings Street at Millennium Park.

The views from the park are something you do not want to miss. Looking down over Bancroft, the York



Enjoy a rest on the bench at the silent and still Brethour Lake.



Roots grow over the trails so keep your hands free as you kick the rugged paths.

River winds through the landscape and you can see the River's Edge Golf Course, the Jack Brown Airport and all the way over to the North Hastings Centennial Manor. Being on the lookout gives you an idea of the diversity of our terrain and it also give you a sense of the incredible forces of nature required to form this landmark in the middle of Bancroft.

To get to the Eagle's Nest take the Eagle's Nest Park Road from Hastings Street in Bancroft.

A great destination for summer, the park is serene in the winter and breathtaking as the leaves change colour in the fall months.



The Christie Trail is well marked and takes around an hour to complete.

At the cottage

Photos by Janet Trull



Peter Kovacevic has one of the few pontoon paddle boats in the world.



Eagle Lake cottager, Sam Richie, is waiting for the fire ban to end so he can roast some marshmallows.



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Drew Hayden Taylor headlines Literary Festival

Story by Janet Trull

Drew Hayden Taylor doesn't sit still. The Ojibway writer from Curve Lake First Nations near Peterborough, is in demand around the world.

His award-winning plays and novels tackle controversial subjects with great insight and humour.

Not many writers could get away with an essay in our national newspaper entitled, "White people, here's your one-time Canada Day special: Native people apologize back!" (*Globe and Mail*, July 1, 2012). So when Taylor agreed to come to Minden to help launch the Sustainable Words Festival on Aug. 6 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, organizers were thrilled.

In the afternoon, he'll be reading an excerpt from his book, *Motorcycles and Sweetgrass* (nominated for a Governor General's award). Come in the evening if you want to catch his stage performance.

Drew Hayden Taylor has written, directed, or worked on about 17 film and video documentaries about native issues.

His books are often found on university reading lists, to introduce students to First Nations perspectives.

In 2007, Annick Press published his first novel, *The Night Wanderer*, a teen novel about an Ojibway vampire. His non-fiction book called me sexy, was published by Douglas & McIntyre, a follow-up to his highly successful book on native humour, me funny.

Taylor may be a famous and brilliant writer, but he is also a genuine, down to earth, good guy who took time out of his crazy schedule to answer some questions.

Q: The community is pumped for your arrival on Aug. 6. We consider you to be "local," with your home at Curve Lake. Do you have a special memory of the Haliburton Highlands/Kawartha Lakes area that you could share?

A: I consider my self a good central Ontario lad. I live in the Kawarthas, right on my reserve, and you ask if I have a special memory of the area. Most of my special memories are from that area. I have spent the past 25 years travelling the world (so far, about 17 countries), and I always return home. That's where all my stories come from and take place (though thinly veiled).

Q: You'll be sharing the stage with two very young writer/performers. Do you support any youth activities within your own community?

A: Interesting question. There is a youth-oriented theatre collective starting up, but they haven't asked me to participate yet. But I do support it on a larger scale. Since its inception 10 years or so ago, I have

been on the jury for the Canadian Aboriginal Writing and Arts challenge, an initiative sponsored by the Historica Dominion Institute where native writers from all over Canada in two age categories write and submit short stories, poems, plays and personal writings, and a winner is chosen, given a cash award and published. I am on the jury with the likes of Joseph Boyden and Lee Maracle.

Q: The Trickster in aboriginal mythology was explained to me as a character who will get you laughing, and then make you think. How closely do you associate yourself to Nanabush?

A: I am told that sometimes I can be a pain, but I don't think I have nearly the impact and resonance of the Trickster. I am but a humble storyteller, who occasionally uses the Trickster's techniques.

Q: I sense a theme of belonging in *Motorcycles and Sweetgrass*. We are all a bit territorial when it comes to our communities (I don't know if you are aware, but there is a teeny weeny bit of a rivalry between Minden and Haliburton that goes back more than a century). What can we learn from the "stranger-in-town" response that your characters display?

A: I am not sure if it was Tolstoy, but some great and ancient writer once said there are two basic storylines in all of literature: A man goes on a journey, and a stranger comes to town. There must be a reason these two stories are so endemic to writers ... they must go to the base of every insecurity an individual might have. The human condition is automatically set up to fear the unknown. Strangers do tend to make some uncomfortable. But what do I know?

What does Taylor know? Come and find out on Aug. 6. Many of the events are free, and there are still tickets available for the evening performance. Pick them up at the Minden Cultural Centre or at the door (...or should we say, the tent entrance). The Sustainable Words Festival will be an amazing day for lovers of words. For more information, check the Minden Cultural Centre website, mindenculturalcentre.com or email festival vice-chairwomen Marci Mandel at whitetraillanding@gmail.com.



Renowned playwright and novelist Drew Hayden Taylor will be reading and performing at the Sustainable Words Festival Aug. 6.

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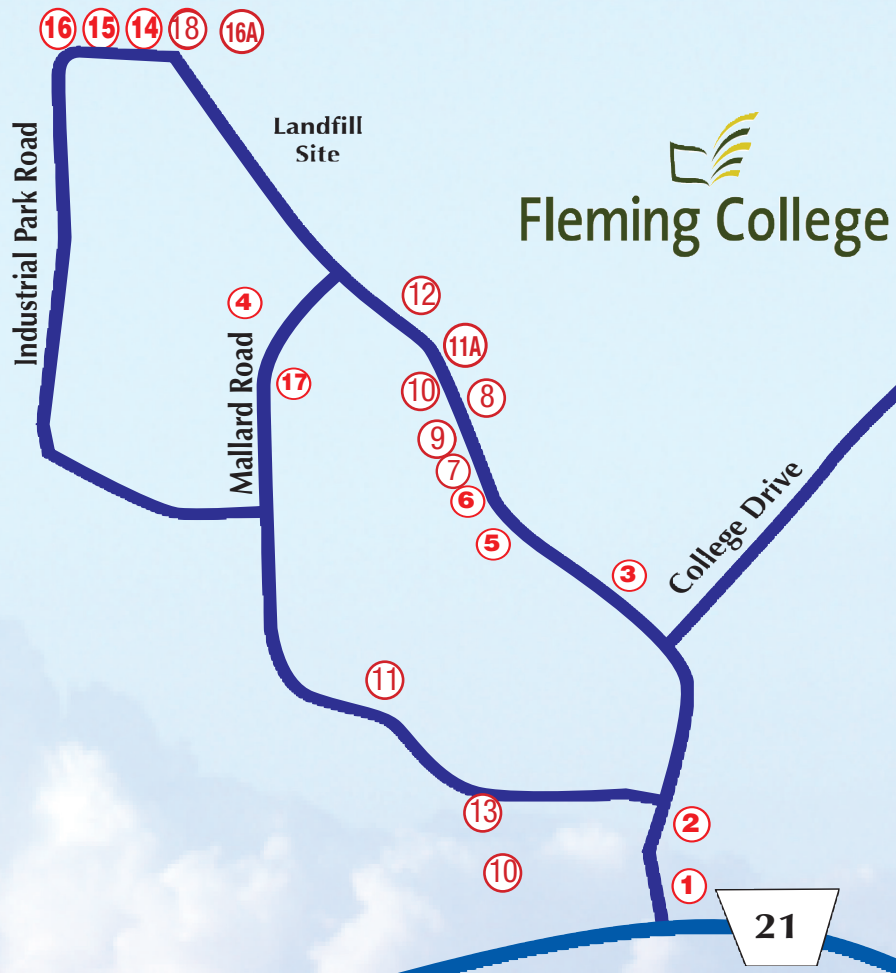
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The running of the bull

Story by Steve Galea

Like every great athletic idea ever conceived, this one was born out of foggy desperation in a bar – Minden's Rockcliffe Hotel to be exact.

Reporter Chad Ingram and I were there researching a full-length exposé on the best way to clink empty beer bottles when he was struck by the uncontrollable urge to flex a little machismo. Perhaps it had something to do with the fact that he was feeling slightly insecure in the lady's aerobic clothing he was wearing.

"That's the last time I bet about the average diameter of moose turd with you," he said. "How about we bet again? This time I bet that I can beat you in a foot race to that fire hydrant on the corner and back. If I win, you wear the aerobics outfit, if I lose, I'll do the lipstick and blush just like you requested ..."

I looked over from the patio and saw the hydrant in question.

"Whoa! Hold on, Ironman!" I exclaimed. "That thing is at least 25 yards away!"

"I know," he gulped. "But we're manly men in the prime of life. Besides the guys at the next table are checking out my cleavage..."

Who could blame them?

"Hey, he's with me!" I yelped.

Shortly after, it occurred to me this was exactly how the Highland Yard started – I mean, provided you discounted the fact that neither of the two guys was wearing ladies' clothing, there were no man-boobs involved and the originators were actually fit enough to do the run.

Yes, 40 years ago, things were very different.

That's when one counsellor from Camp Onondaga bet another that he could beat him in a footrace to the Rockcliffe Hotel. Now, here we were, sitting within yards of that historic finish line.

Maybe it had something to do with Olympic fever. Perhaps I felt a need to flex a few muscles of my own. Or maybe it came from an overwhelming curiosity to see Ingram run braless in that get up. Whatever the motivation, I zipped up my form-fitting ladies' track suit and accepted his challenge.

At Chad's call we sprinted out of the blocks. With leg muscles straining and lungs sucking in air, I quickly realized the exhilaration a gazelle on the African plains must feel. But that was quickly forgotten as the race entered into the second, grueling 10 yards, which mostly consisted of wheezing, clutching of the heart, frothing at the mouth and desperate, laboured crawling.

The hydrant was almost within reach, when I finally tore my eyes away from Chad's hypnotic, heaving bosoms.

And that's when Highland Yard veteran runner Jane Boyd mercifully interceded.

"Are you guys OK?" she asked

"We're.....we're.....we're....." huffed Ingram.

"Fine," I wheezed.

Fifteen minutes later, after the oxygen, we explained to Jane how clinking beer bottles, the Olympic fever and the Highland Yard had inspired us to become world-class athletes.

"Which world?" she asked.



It all started with an exposé on clinking empty beer bottles at the Rockcliffe Hotel.



Trying to make it to the fire hydrant proves too difficult.



Jane Boyd literally whips Steve and Chad into shape.

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Let the race be over

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"So you don't think we'll make the Olympic Team?" Chad asked.

Her answer was less than assuring.

Still, because she was an athlete and because, inexplicably, she had a new whip and a few minutes to kill before she met her husband, Jane took it upon herself to help us train.

First came the stretching exercises. Then, after the Charlie horses subsided to mere ponies, she took us for a brief six-metre jog.

Within 20 minutes, we were feeling like real athletes. So we drove the 20 yards back to the Rockcliffe and started the race once again.

This time there was no holding back. Chad ran like the wind – but only because those guys tried to buy him a drink. And I followed.

Halfway to the hydrant, we were neck and neck again. But when we reached it, who won was anyone's guess – mostly because we both blacked out.

Even so, Jane was proud of us. And so she did what she told us every runner does to those he or she respects – she poured freezing cold ice water on us and laughed uncontrollably.

Between you and me, I think she wanted to see Ingram in a wet T-shirt.

Hey, who could blame her?

If you actually have the ability and desire to run, the modern-day Highland Yard is something you should seriously consider. The event, which takes place on the morning of Sunday, Aug. 5, is reviving a 40-year-old tradition for a couple of great causes. Runners can participate in 10



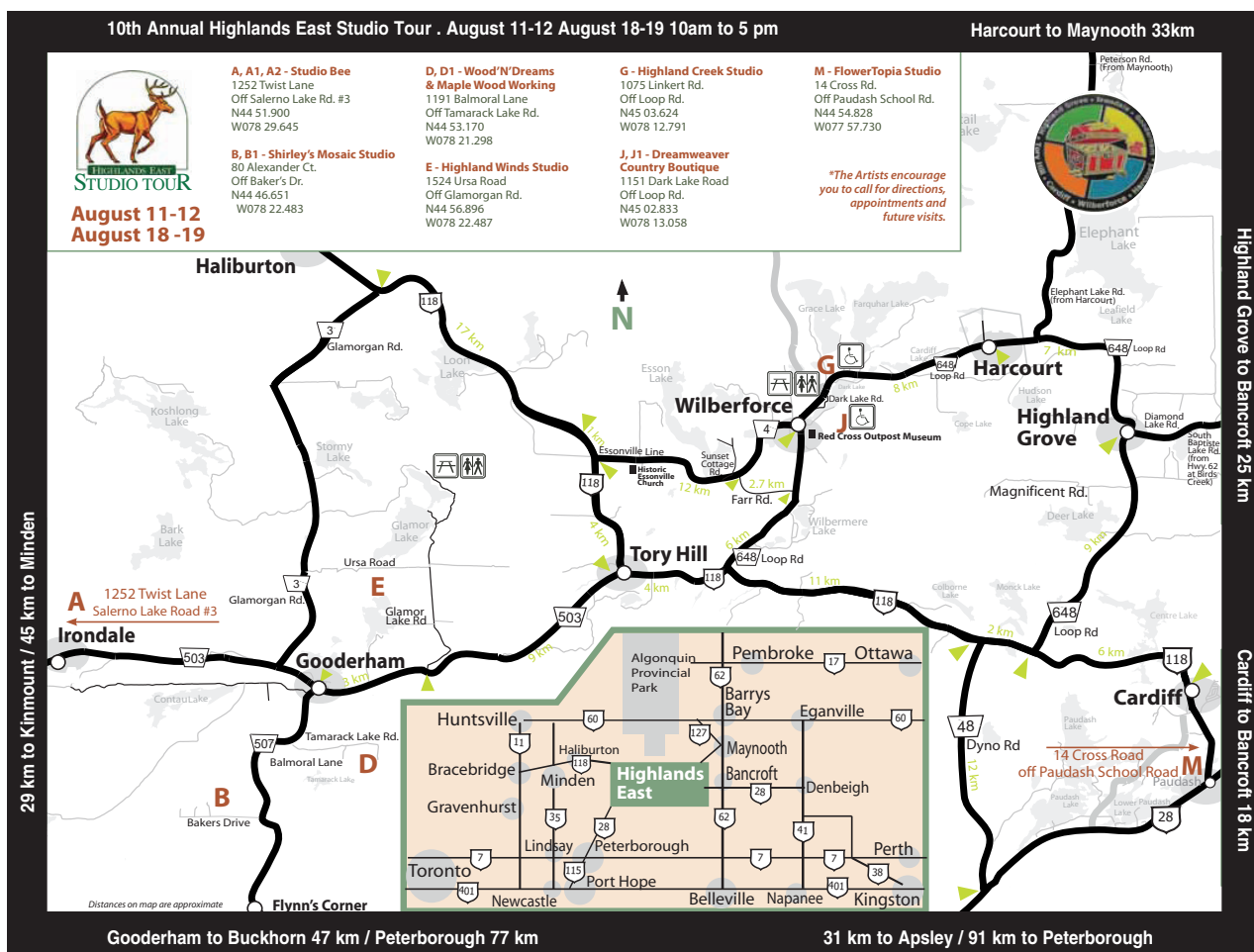
Jane celebrates the successful run by dumping ice cold water on Chad, left, and Steve.

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Growing a container garden

Story and photo Janice Hardy
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Even the smallest of spaces can enjoy the beauty of flowers or vegetables in well arranged containers. Container gardening is about more than just filling a pot with a few plants. It is about art in your garden, on your deck, on your balcony. It is about understanding and using plant knowledge and applying design concepts to create an attractive, sophisticated garden in a container. By considering composition using colour, form, and texture, containers can provide season-long interest to any patio, deck and balcony or even those hard-to-fill spaces in the garden.

The Container

Choosing the container is as important as choosing the plants. If choosing a fibreglass or wooden pot be sure there are sufficient drainage holes in the bottom. Decorated clay pots are gorgeous but this means that more care will be required to maintain the health of the plants. Clay dries out more quickly as water evaporates more easily than from plastic or fibreglass containers and require more work to store during the winter months.

The Media

The media can be any potting soil, but a moisture lock potting mix with or without some starter nutrients is ideal. The choice of a potting mix verses garden soil is made for a number of reasons. Soil does not drain well in containers. This leaves the potential of roots becoming soggy, reducing the oxygen availability to the roots and the decline in the health of the plant. Potting mixes are sterilized to kill weeds seeds and pathogens, are generally pH balanced, have good drainage properties and often have a small amount of nutrients available to young plants.

Cover the drainage holes with pot shards. The use

of gravel, which we often learned from our mothers was the appropriate thing to do, raises the water table of the pot, leading again to the problem of soggy roots and soil-borne diseases. By choosing to cover the holes in this way, the water table of the pot is equal to the bottom of the pot. If desired, one could cover the holes with polystyrene packing peanuts enclosed in clean, onion netting. This serves the dual purpose of containing the soil in the pot and lightening a heavy terracotta planter.

To mitigate dryness due to evaporation, water-absorbing polymers can be added to the soil mix. When wet, these polymers hold up to 200 times their weight in water. As the growing medium dries out, the polymers release the water for plant use. This will help reduce the watering needs of the container, however, it is important to check the planters daily for watering and disease or insect infestation.

Another amendment to the media is slow release fertilizer in the ratio of 1:2:2. Once the media is moist and the fertilizer has absorbed some water, soil temperature is the only factor that affects the long-term release of the nutrients. The label on the fertilizer should inform the gardener of the ideal release temperature. Temperatures above the ideal will release the fertilizer more quickly and temperatures below the ideal will release the fertilizer more slowly than what is documented on the label. Apply the fertilizer to the media at the recommended rate for the size of the pot. Using a water-soluble fertilizer after the first three or four months may be needed to keep containers healthy and beautiful.

Water is added to the potting mix to moisten the soil after the water-absorbing polymers and slow release fertilizer are added and before planting. Potting mix can be quite dry coming out of the bag. Water is added and mixed in to the media and let sit for one or two hours for full absorption.

The Design

For the design, plants enjoying similar growing conditions are selected based on colour, shape and texture. In terms of colour, analogous colours such as yellow and orange that are next to each other on the colour wheel can be chosen with a splash of contrast to add some drama. Examples include the harmonious hues of yellow rudbeckia and margarita daisy with orange canna flowers contrasting with dark purple leaves of a sweet potato vine the burgundy canna lily leaves. An ornamental grass with its finely textured green leaves and soft tan-coloured plumes adds texture to the appearance.

In addition to the design principles outlined above, other key components to designing planters are what have come to be known as thrillers, fillers and spillers. The thriller is the focal point of the container that draws the eye and adds height. Fillers make up the mid container space without distracting from the focal point. Spillers are cascading plants that flow over the edge of the container and fill the spaces left after planting the fillers. Plants with different or long blooming periods or that display distinctive foliage, some of which may change colour with the onset of fall, provide interest over the season.

After filling the container to about two-thirds full with media, arrange the plants as per your design. Remember our growing season tends to be short so fill the container putting plants close together so the planter looks full right from the start. Plants, especially annuals, will still have lots of room to grow.

The largest plant should be planted first, followed by a grass and then the filler and spiller plants using the remaining media. Fill the container with the pre-moistened media to approximately 2.5 centimetres or one inch below the edge of the pot for water catchment. As with the garden, plants should be planted no

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Use thrillers, fillers and spillers for a nice mix

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deeper than they are in the original pot.

The Thrillers

It is important to consider the perspective or angle of view when planting the container. The thrillers can be placed in either the centre of the container or towards the back of the planter and slightly off centre depending on the angle of view. Examples of thrillers are canna lilies if the container is large enough, a medium or tall grass, a mandevilla or for smaller containers a geranium or spike.

The Fillers

The filler plants are shorter than the thrillers and there are more of them. Petunias, calibrachoa, begonias and impatiens are often used, but there are many varieties of annuals or perennials that could fill this role. If using perennials, then dig them out of the containers about six weeks before the ground freezes and plant in the garden. It will take about six weeks for the roots to settle in for winter. For some deer resistance try adding cleome and cosmos. The calibrachoa also emit an odour deer don't seem to like. From personal experience a deer sniffed two of the planters with calibrachoa, cleome and cosmos as the fillers and continued walking right on by!

The Spillers

Ipomoea batatas or sweet potato vine is a very popular spiller in containers. Chosen primarily for its foliage, this plant has stunning purple leaves that spill over the edges of the container trailing up to 150 centimetres. But don't limit yourself to the potato vine. Try something like portulaca that nicely spills over, the plant or verbena that will not only spill over but will weave its way through the container adding variety to the filler plants. Calibrochoa is versatile and can be used as both the fillers or the spillers.

Maintenance

This container will need to be checked daily for watering needs although the water-absorbing polymers will keep the plants moist for a period of time. Morning watering is best so plant

leaves have an opportunity to dry during the day thereby helping to avoid any disease problems. Even in seasons with high rainfalls, containers still need to be watered as rarely is enough rain absorbed to meet the plant's needs. Water when the soil feels dry for a depth of 2.5 centimetres and if possible try to avoid wetting the leaves.

If a slow release fertilizer was mixed into the media, additional fertilizer may not be required. However, with the hot summer temperatures in Ontario, the release of nutrients may be faster than anticipated. My preference is to add a water-soluble fertilizer every two to four weeks during periods of rapid growth and bloom period. If desired, a half strength water soluble fertilizer can be added weekly. If using perennials in the container, reduce the fertilizer in the fall and do not fertilize once planted in the ground. This will encourage the plant to harden off for the winter.

Deadheading of spent flowers will encourage continuous blooms throughout the summer and keep the arrangement looking tidy. Any damaged or diseased stems will need to be pruned out and some shaping may be required. While deadheading, plants can be inspected for bugs and disease.

Slugs, snails and earwigs can be picked off. Aphids are another common problem in container plantings and can be sprayed off with water if the infestation is mild. The use of an insecticidal soap on the undersides of leaves and on stems is also helpful.

If the plants can be overwintered, then disassemble the arrangement in mid to late September or early October so that the perennials will have an opportunity to establish themselves in the landscape before winter sets in.

The containers may also require maintenance before the winter. Generally wooden or fibreglass containers require little care except washing off or in some cases removal of soil and storage. A terracotta container needs to be washed and dried and stored in the basement as it can freeze and crack in the cold winter weather. Prior to planting in the spring, the pot should be washed again with soap and water, rinsed and sterilized



A mix of splashy flowers with filler foliage and draped plants can create a living work of art.

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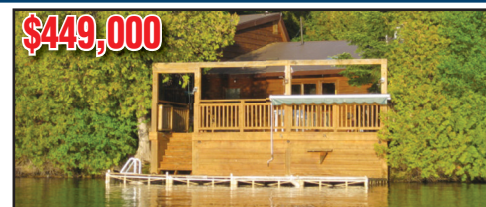
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Why if our very own Lake WhaddyathinkImean folks didn't just take part in Lake W's third annual Husk Prancers in the park. And EVERYBODY was there, including 'ol Maybelle, don'tcha know. Year-rounders, cottagers, day-trippers holding up their eye-phones, ear-phones, nose-phones (what is this planet coming to?) taking pictures of all the prancers...Twindle

Mumbly, Vilma Yuccch, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, Sybil Beaucannon-Hughes plus 15 kiddies and yours truly dressed like corn on the cob in toe shoes.

'Course, some of us had the toes cut OUT of our shoes so we wouldn't fall over, don'tcha know.

And OH how we pranced all night by the light of Beanpole Starkman's Tiger Moth bi-plane parked right next to the statue of Lake W's founding father, Max Winkleman-FitzBorshberg (who was also wearing toe-shoes thanks to little Stuey Miffkin's prank! Why last year he had Max W-F wearing STILETTOS!).

What a peachy job Vilma Yuccch did choreographing

the whole thing. Why who'da thought you'd ever see Officer McB (who's built like Arnold Schwarzenegger only bigger) prancing across the lawn, his big boulder shoulders sprouting corn husks ... while Twindle Mumbly stood on toe trying to lift Sybil Beaucannon-Hughes (who's twice his size) above his head.

Why the harder he tried, the redder poor 'ol Twindle's face got 'til finally, she jumped straight into his arms and if he didn't sink six whole inches down into the ground, buckle to his knees, and flop face forward on his niblets, don'tcha know.

Why the crowd went wild. They thought it was planned. And who knows. Maybe it was. That Vilma Yuccch may look like Barbie, but she's as sharp as a tack.

And how sweet the kiddies were prancing around like bobbing rows of corn. Why the only thing that was missing was BUTTER!

Now this never could have happened if it weren't for those terrific Dusk Dancers who come to Haliburton Village every year. Why the first time Vilma, Officer McB, Twindle, Sybil, Beanpole and I saw them we were so inspired, we vowed to do our own version Lake W-style.

And that's when the miracle happened.

Why if Mitchell McFirstmer-Foothnoy didn't come offering us costuming materials straight from his one and only corn patch in Lake WhaddyathinkImean and, well, the rest is history. And will always be ... thanks to folks

video-taping it every summer and putting Husk Prancers up on YouTube.

And there's more.

Just when the kiddies were prancing around the Lake W ferry fountain, a whole band of ukuleles appeared. That's right. The entire Lake WhaddyathinkImean Ukulele Folks Society Players – all 26 of them climbed out of Beanpole Starkman's two-seater bi-plane like they were squeezing out of a clown car.

And if they weren't playing "Five Foot Two" on their ukes which caused Lorne Klumpner's border collie, Ellen, to run smack centre of the lawn, throw her head back, her speckled barrel chest out, and sing at the top of her lungs like a Diva Dog.

Why, Twindle didn't even mind when Ellen finished singing and chased him into the lake. And neither did the Lake W volunteer firefighters who were just waiting to join in the fun.

Before you knew it, the firefighters, the whole bunch of Husk Prancers and half the crowd were jumping in the lake laughing and splashing and having a great 'ol time.

Now, if you haven't been to Lake W yet, make sure you come and see Husk Prancers next summer ... and bring your bathing suit, don'tcha know.

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Minden Hills Cultural Centre presents the Highlands Sustainable Words Festival

Story by Janet Trull

Different than a typical literary festival, the Highlands Sustainable Words Festival will showcase the power of words in a variety of forms. The launch will take place on Aug. 6 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, which includes the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the Minden Hills Museum, the library and R.D. Lawrence Place, all on four beautiful acres. If you haven't been there before, it's at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Look for the big tent.

What is a Sustainable Words Festival?

"When the committee began working on the literary festival, we chose the name Sustainable Words Festival to mirror what R. D. Lawrence Place was about: writing, and sustainability and those two things are not mutually exclusive. We 'consume' words as readers of newspapers, magazines, books, movies, documents and advertisements. Within that, we find information, beauty, solace and humor to inform our decisions," festival chairwomen Brigitte Gall says.

"R.D. Lawrence Place is an environmentally themed building, based on the writings and practices of Ron Lawrence. He was a prolific writer, a champion of the natural world and passionate about the need to find balance within the world we share with animals and plants or risk losing those very things that our survival depends upon.

"So, with those two pieces at the cornerstone of both the building and the festival, we decided that The Sustainable Words Festival was an appropriate name."

Launching the Festival The day begins with Books Alive, presented by the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network. They are an incredible group of



Seamus Jarrett-Lynch is the youngest participant in Minden's literary festival. /Photo submitted

artists within our county, and they will be kicking off the festival by introducing and celebrating a line-up of local authors of various disciplines (fiction, non-fiction, poetry). Authors Rosemary McCracken, Jim Poling Sr., Graeme Lottering, Neil Campbell, Pat Brown, Brenda Peddigrew and Tom Taylor will give readings, sell and sign their books.

TED-Style Talks The afternoon will continue with two engaging talks given by dynamic presenters Judith Bainbridge and Graeme Lottering. Readings by internationally acclaimed authors Ava Homa, Doris Heffron and Drew Hayden Taylor will follow.

Performing with Words The evening event is generating much excitement. Under the big tent, the festival is very proud to present comics, singer/songwriters, poets and authors including Brigitte Gall, Arlene

Bishop, John Unrau, Jai Cruz, Rosemary McCracken and Seamus Jarrett-Lynch the youngest participant in the festival.

Seamus will be reading his short story, "My Encounter" at the evening performance. He is quick to list the mentors who encouraged him to pursue his passion for writing: Megan Kennedy, his Grade 2 teacher, his dad who writes poetry, his mother and grandmother who write for local newspapers, and Canadian Métis author David Bouchard who inspired him with the advice: "Don't wait until college to be a writer."

Seamus, who is currently doing research for a non-fiction book about crime, gave his thoughts as to what sustainable writing is all about. "You don't have to go to Oprah's Picks to find a good book," Jarrett-Lynch believes. "There are lots of good writers here in our community."

Their performances will set the stage for headliner Drew Hayden Taylor.

Wait a minute! Drew Hayden Taylor? Here, in the Highlands?

Born and raised nearby on the Curve Lake First Nation, Taylor has performed stand-up at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and was a finalist of the 2010 Governor General's award for his novel, *Motorcycles & Sweetgrass*. The *Toronto Star* wrote: "*Motorcycles & Sweetgrass* may be concerned with aboriginal community politics, identity, mythology and intergenerational legacies, but it reads like a romp ... Funny and effervescent." The *Chronicle Herald* wrote: "A cultural blend of legend, magic and modern life." Not surprising, when the organizers of the event went looking for "a spark," they called Drew Hayden Taylor.

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Lost and found in Haliburton Highlands

Column and photo by Hamish Gordon

On Canada Day weekend I was the fortunate guest of the King family on Halls Lake. But it was at Fort Irwin and on the Harburn Road that I made a remarkable re-discovery.

It was a re-discovery because I was returning to the Highlands that I once called home in the summer of 1984 when I worked for this publication under Len Pizzezy.

Yes, I was once a roving reporter, photographer and general dog's body for the *Echo* back when the *Minden Times* and the *Echo* scrambled for headlines and battled for the best feature articles. And I did love the competition to fill those broadsheet pages. So you could say I was once very intimate with the Highlands near and far.

So, on this weekend, instead of racing all over the county in the blue *Echo* van waving back at friendly Highlanders as I used to love doing, I was racking up mileage on my stealthy carbon fibre, super light Bianchi 22-speed bicycle. Indeed, I am now an aging warhorse who loves to race his bike at every opportunity that my real estate career in Mississauga permits. It's my vain attempt to turn back the hands of time.

In any event, cottaging with the Kings and training in the Highlands are my favourite things to do.

Not only because of the tired cottage road surfaces, or because of the amazingly friendly Halls Lake cottagers who drop by the Kings every five minutes, but because of the undulations and rolling hills that

dance around your glistening lakes and rivers. It is a road cycling paradise.

And last weekend I found an even more profound reason to fall in love, as a cyclist, with the Haliburton Highlands again.

Yes, after having been swallowed up by the motor-ing mayhem of the Greater Toronto Area suburbs for the past 20 years, I had forgotten what remarkable people populate the shores and river embankments of the Highlands.

My morning ride began with Alison and Brad King, my wife Lucie Cousineau and Kennisis Lake cottagers, Diane and Jeff Rushton.

We circled around Halls Lake, to Highway 35, then along the North Shore Road past the Stanhope Airport all the way to West Guilford where we met the Rushtons.

If interested, I know the location of each and every pothole on the North Shore, but it was much later that I became a victim of my own enthusiasms and your road surfaces.

We all made it to the charming Heritage House Café on Pine Street in Haliburton (where I incidentally had rented a second floor room in that summer of '84). Gushing over our wonderful ride, we agreed to make this Canada Day Ride to Haliburton Village an annual event.

Indeed it had been a very pleasant ride at a civilized pace, but I was not satiated by the 40-kilometre round trip with the ladies.

I was still hungry! Hungry to break away on my own and ride at unrestricted speeds.

And so I did. At Highway 35 and Harburn Road,

I took off on my own to ride the 20 kilometre roller coaster that is Harburn Road. I was exhilarated all the way to the top of the last hill before Harburn descends into Fort Irwin. And that is where I made my remarkable re-discovery that prompted this letter.

I flatted. So who cares? Well, apparently everybody.

The issue was that clever me had flatted without a spare tube or tools, and with no cellphone to call for help and I really couldn't remember where I was in relation to Halls Lake and West Guilford where I had started this epic journey.

Yes, you may well ask, what was I thinking riding without a spare tube in the Haliburton wilderness on cottage roads? Well, I was on a brand new set of wheels with brand new tubeless tires, much like a car tire except very much narrower – 23 millimetres, to be exact. I was told, "They will never go flat!" Yet, here I was stranded.

I did not panic, but I did look pathetic.

Standing around, alone in my blue and white spandex and white racing shoes with a broken bike at the side of the road, I contemplated my immediate future for about 90 seconds.

I knew I was at least 40 kilometres from Halls Lake but I knew not in what direction. Ninety seconds later the first passerby in his red SUV towing a log splitter going the opposite direction came to a stop.

"How you doing there? Need a ride?" he inquired.

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Extreme acts of kindness

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"Well, actually, where is West Guilford?"

"Jeez, not sure, but Fort Irwin is just at the bottom of the hill, and there is a gas station right there. Want a ride?"

I was astounded. He was pointing in the wrong direction towing a log splitter yet was offering to turn around and drive me 300 metres to the gas station.

"That's very kind but I can walk and make a phone call, but thank you for stopping."

I messed around with my flat tire for another 30 seconds when another female Haliburtonian in a Caravan with two kids in the back stopped and offered to help.

Again I thanked her and declined assistance, as I felt sure I could fix this flat.

How, I am not sure. I needed time to think but kept getting interrupted, this time by a third passerby offering to drive me ... anywhere.

The tire did still have about 30 pounds of pressure in it so I put the wheel back on the bike and rolled carefully down the hill to the gas station.

I dismounted and walked across the broken rough pavement around the gas pump.

As I walked my bike toward the porch of the gas station, another Highlander filling her tank remarked "Hey there, did you see the Tour de France this morning on TSN? Great finish!"

It's like we'd been neighbours for a half a lifetime.

Again I was astounded by the friendly demeanour. And since when do Canadians, except avid cyclists like myself, watch or even find the Tour De France on TV?

"I wish I had seen it," I replied.

On the front porch in the shade I dismantled the rear wheel again and applied the canister of foam injection I was carrying to try to seal the sidewall puncture. It was not working.

The white foam sealant, like shaving cream, gushed out of the pinhole puncture on the sidewall and the valve. I was SOL.

This tire was finished and I was confounded yet again. So I went inside and asked for phone book to call the Kings.

The attendant was delightful of course, and dialed the number for me – 10 times while she served a steady stream of Canada Day customers in the heat of the day.

I decided I could not hang around inside the store, so I sat on the porch forlorn wondering how in the heck I was going to get home with no tube, and a punctured tire. Inside the attendant kept calling the number and getting a busy signal.

I sat powerless on that porch and pondered my immediate future yet again. But something remarkable was actually happening. I met families, dogs, couples and teenagers all of whom wanted to help me but couldn't.

So they merely engaged me in conversation about biking, boating, the weather or their yappy, adorable dog.

My world had finally stopped and I was able to observe what a wonderful world it really was.

And then it happened.

An extreme act of kindness.

Jamie Brown was his name, a young local cottager in his 30s, and he lived five minutes down the road.

"Hey I have a buddy just like you. He rides like a 100 kilometres a day just to train and he has everything you need to fix a flat."

"Really? That's awesome, but I need a tire, a tube and a floor pump."

That is a tall order in the middle of Haliburton Highlands at a marina, I thought to myself.

"No problem," Jamie said. "I will be back in 10 minutes"

Ten minutes later I was gob smacked, when Jamie arrives with everything on my list including the right size valve on the tube.



Canada Day couples ride at Heritage House Café Jeff and Diane Rushton of Kennisis Lake, Lucie Cousineau and Hamish Gordon of Mississauga, Brad and Alison King of Halls Lake.

How could this be and where am I?

I fixed the flat within five minutes. Left the pump at the gas station to be retrieved later by Jamie and I was on my way.

And all the way back to Halls Lake, which is precisely 40 kilometres, I marveled at what wonderful world it really is when you are down and out in the Haliburton Highlands on a summer's day.

Oh, and Jamie, the tire and a new tube are in the mail to you presently.



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The growing season

Column and photo by Steve Galea

Down the dusty dirt road, just before it sweeps gracefully out of sight, I see shrubs shake. Then, one by one, 12 turkeys step out of the underbrush. Two are adult hens; the remainder are pheasant-sized poults.

These look like miniature versions of their mothers, perfectly proportioned and just as jittery too. But there is also a newness about them. Call it the freshness of youth if you like. Their feathers seem less tattered, their colours less worn, their demeanour more innocent.

They are looking at the world through new eyes. They are learning what is required to survive in the rough-hewn country in which they were born.

The hens are there to guide them.

So they waste no time herding their charges across the road. They marshal the parade to the other side and then stand watch as the poults gorge as only growing offspring can.

I'm guessing those young birds hatched sometime around the first of May – an early spring moved everything up this year.

Those 10 are the lucky ones. For it is

estimated that, even in good years, only half of turkey nests succeed. And then up to 80 per cent of the young get taken by raccoons, crows, owls, foxes, coyotes and dogs and cats. They're especially vulnerable in the first two weeks of life when they can't fly and roost under their mother on the ground.

Now, however, they're living large off the fat of summer. They eat insects like they're going out of style. I suspect they gathered here to cash in on the grasshoppers – for they are everywhere right now. Insects contain the protein they need to grow. And grow they do – in the first month of life, they doubled their weight each week.

Their story is just one of many.

Throughout the woods, in the fields and on our waters, there are countless others. The growing season is here and young of the year, whether fish, fowl or fauna are doing their best to exploit the bounty of food and stay one step ahead of their predators.

Some will succeed. Many will fail.

But, by summer's end, a new generation of wildlife will be well positioned to face the struggles of winter. And, after that, the cycle will unfurl, once again,



A group of turkeys – two hens and 10 poults – cross a lane down a dusty road in Haliburton.

into another spring.

If we do things right, if our conservation ethic remains unaffected by greed, short-sightedness and personal gain, if we recognize the real value in all of this, we'll see turkey poults, fawns and young mergansers in our lakes for years

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The funds were raised through various events put on by the clubs throughout the year including the Mud Bog, Truck Pull and Ice Races.

From left, HHHS board chair Len Logozar, HHHSF director Peter Oyler, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker, Kin Club members Jim Carrell, Dan Douglas, Tammy Douglas, Dustin Douglas (kid), Karin Koch, Sheila Carrell, president Tom Prentice, ATV Association president Bob Johnson, association directors Harold Clayton and Steve Skidmore.

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Local author Pat Brown launches book Aug. 3

Surprised Pink Geraniums is a celebration of life, love and dogs.

Pat Brown, local author, invites you to her book launch on Friday Aug. 3 at the Minden Cultural Centre from 7 to 9 p.m.

Surprised Pink Geraniums reopens questions she thought were answered long ago. It is a story of love, grievous loss, connection and recreating meaning. *Surprised Pink Geraniums* is an emotional journey from cover to cover.

"I believe that somewhere, sitting in a quiet pool of light, would be a reader who imagines or remembers the pain and the joy that are on the pages of a book. And out of the many acts of writing and reading come a circle of human beings: yearning, weeping, laughing and being absorbed in the experience of being human, of not being alone," Brown says.

"The experience of grief is unique and deeply personal. For the past six years I have been immersed in the writing of our

story - Tom's and mine. Now, the writing of it is over but the story keeps unfolding. Part of the unfolding will be its resonance with all of you who read it.

"Telling our story is what we all need to do . . . it connects us and sometimes keeps us honest. It makes us laugh or cry or just stop for a moment to listen or to reflect. I might not feel the need to write for weeks at a time, but I couldn't go a day without reading."

Brown's unique writing style has appeared in the *Haliburton Echo* and the *Toronto Star*. Actively writing for a decade, Pat's latest work will mark her first book launch. Please join her for a night of celebration at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Aug. 3 from 7 to 9 p.m.

For more information contact Pat Brown at 705-286-6448 or email patombrown2@gmail.com.



Bridging the gap

Carol Moffatt Special to the Times

Members of the Stanhope Firefighters' Association, the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association and Algonquin Highlands staff volunteered their time during the weekend to repair the decking on the Beech River bridge. The bridge is controlled by the HCSA through a land use permit with the MNR. Algonquin Highlands councillors voted last month to pay the nearly \$10,000 bill for the repairs so the bridge would be ready for the triathlon.

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Real ironman lives among us

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

Crossing that line made everything worth it. Local teacher Blake Paton's name is synonymous with athletics, particularly cycling, in the Highlands.

However, even this veteran of triathlons, who has competed since he was in his 20s, took great satisfaction at finishing his first Ironman triathlon in Lake Placid on Sunday, July 22.

"It was a bigger thrill to finish it than I had imagined it would [be] because it was so hard," he said. "To finish it off and to keep running on the run when a lot of people were reduced to walking ... I kept running through the whole marathon portion. It was really hard to do. Get me to the next feed station," he said. "You're low on sodium. You're low on fluids and it's just hard."

The heat creates challenges of digestion. He cannot even imagine how many "gels" (packaged gels of food) he ate, but estimates he drank at least a dozen bottles of water.

With close to 12 hours in the water, on the bike and on



J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary teacher Blake Paton is proud of completing the Lake Placid Ironman on Sunday, July 22. He is appreciative for his family's support. They drove down and cheered him on during the competition.

Darren Lum Staff

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the run, it's something most people don't think they will ever do. The Ironman competition includes close to 2,700 people from 22 countries and a representative from all 50 states.

"It's a long time, but because you're focused it doesn't seem like a long time when you're out there, except there are certain times it's difficult and you're really forcing and willing yourself on," he said. "At those times it seems you have a long kilometre or so. Things were tough."

Paton swam 3.8 kilometres, biked 180 kilometres and ran 42 kilometres. He could have made it to the suburbs of Toronto (from the Highlands) with the same distance.

Nearing the end of the marathon distance run, blisters were forming. However, the boisterous crowds of all ages lining the route, screaming, shaking cowbells and holding signs of support empowered him and bolstered his resolve to push through the discomfort.

"It's easy to ignore the pain and just go on because the crowd around is willing you on," he said.

When he saw the finishing chute there was a sense of relief for the married father of two daughters.

"It's absolutely packed with people," he said, referring to the chute outside the Olympic oval.

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Local teacher completes Ironman triathlon in Lake Placid

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"You see the oval. Going around there you can enjoy the thrill of accomplishment. I was way more ecstatic and emotional than I thought I would be."

He finished with a time of 11 hours, 19 minutes and 11 seconds (swim in one hour, 15 minutes; bike in five hours, 56 minutes; and run in three hours, 54 minutes).

Although he was disappointed with not hitting his 10:55 goal, he acknowledged there were factors such as the headwind on the bike leg and the warm conditions that reached 33 degrees Celsius on the humidex. It resulted in a combined 20-minute loss off his expected pace on the run and bike.

"A year ago I said if I go under 11 I'll be super thrilled. If I go under 12 I'll be happy and if I go over 12 I might have to do another one," he said.

Despite his challenges he finished as the third Canadian in his category (45-49) and 33rd out of 321. Overall he finished 228 out of close to 2,500 finishers.

With a 7 a.m. start Paton remembers feeling in awe of nearly 12 hours before him.

"It's tough to wrap your mind around it," he said.

He woke up at 4 a.m. and ate as much food as he could.

Like many of the competitors, families are an important support and Paton wasn't any different.

They cheered him on, showed support, they shed tears, and missed him on the first go round on some laps, but they were always there in his heart. His wife, Jennifer, worried about him in the water as thousands of competitors charged into the water like a flock of birds. There are photos to prove their dedication, as much of the time was waiting, reading and sleeping. In 11 hours there is a lot of waiting time.

Paton said he couldn't have done it without his training partners, who are a group organized through Runner's Life

in Peterborough. He actually never even thought of it until a challenge by friend Dave Dame owner of Runner's Life.

More than a year ago on a pre-season cycling trip in South Carolina he was challenged by Dame who helps organize this ride.



It's a bigger accomplishment than I imagined. — *Blake Paton*

"Dave, that's a dumb idea let's do it," he said.

Once a month he joined the Peterborough group for "large volume" days.

They all stayed in a house in New York State close to the race site.

Although some Ironman competitors enlist trainers and dietitians, Paton didn't change much. A key for him, he said, was the "Rocky Training."

He laughs, but it's difficult to argue with since the 49-year-old was showing few noticeable symptoms of fatigue after the competition.

"Rocky Training" refers to the character from the boxing movies starring Sylvester Stallone, who was a boxer depicted cutting wood, running through snow and exercising and using a variety of farm-like chores to train for a fight.

Paton wasn't doing everything exactly like Rocky, but he does believe cutting wood, trail running and mountain biking was a great benefit to him in the competition and in the

recovery.

He expects the full recovery will take 20 days. The feeling, he said, is similar to a marathon except for the soreness in his back, neck and shoulders.

It was only a year ago that he completed his first marathon as a preparation for the triathlon.

Specific triathlon training started in December 2011. This past May and June he was dedicating up to 23 hours a week with three to four hours a day, six days week. He often did two disciplines a day such as a swim and a run or bike and a run.

With a year hiatus from work, the J. Douglas Hodgson Elementary School teacher had the benefit of being able to fit in house chores and daily life. It was relatively stress free for him unlike competitors who had full time jobs and children to worry about.

"I enjoyed training and it was never a chore," he said.

It's too early to know if there will be a repeat performance, but Paton is considering it.

True to his teaching background, he doesn't want to waste what he has learned and experienced from competing in one of the toughest competitions of physical endurance.

He hopes to share with other wanna-be Ironmans so they can get the same satisfaction.

"It's a bigger accomplishment than I imagined. When I approached it I thought it was just another race, but it's longer. It's difficult enough and the atmosphere really contributes to a feeling of accomplishment once you've done it," he said.

The Highlands has its own offering with the annual Stanhope Triathlon, which also includes a duathlon (run, bike and run). It takes place Aug. 18. See www.stanhopefire.org.com/triathlon.html for more information.

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Book of the Week

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value, *Gone Girl* is a book you will want to get your hands on. You can reserve it today at the Haliburton County Public Library.

Junior Book of the Week— Picture Book Title

The Three Pigs by David Wiesner

Once upon a time there were three little pigs and one big bad wolf, who huffed and puffed and blew their houses down ... but wait no, that's not quite right, pigs are far too smart to have their homes blown away by cranky old wolves. So in this retelling of the classic fairy tale, David Wiesner fills readers in on what really happened to the

three little pigs. What ensues is an imaginative and masterfully conveyed story, which whisks readers through the adventurous lives of three creative little pigs. *The Three Pigs* is a Caldecott award-winning classic that is sure to please readers of all ages. It along with some of Wiesner's other picture books including: *Flotsam*, *Tuesday*, and *Art & Max* can be borrowed from Haliburton County Public Library today.

Local Celebrity Read

Doug Sullivan, an EA with the Trillium Lakelands School Board, just finished reading *Sh*t My Dad Says*. "It is a bestselling book that came recommended to me as something that I might find amusing," explains Sullivan. "Amusing. Hmmm. Not really much of a description but I thought I would give it a go. After all it did appear to be short."

"*Sh*t My Dad Says*, is sort of a semi-autobiographical tale by Justin Halpern. What makes the book a great read are his dad's salty comments and helpful advice. Sam Halpern, his dad, has a strong opinion on just about everything and voices these opin-

ions with a creative use of profanity. Perhaps not always politically correct but quite often spot on, almost always hilarious, and best of all, offensive."

"I would recommend *Sh*t My Dad Says* for a good, quick read that will leave you laughing," Sullivan concludes. "Not for the faint of heart but I think you may find it ... amusing."



News & Events

The Friends of the Library present an afternoon tea with Heather A. Clark, author of *Chai Tea Sunday*. This event will be held at the Dysart branch on Aug. 15 from 3 to 5 p.m. and will also feature a loonie auction and the Friends' famous book baskets for sale. Tickets are \$10. Call 705-447-2402.

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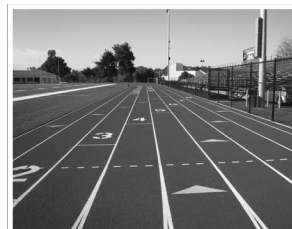
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CIA counts walkers and cyclists

The CIA is watching! During the month of August, you may see people in bright orange vests with clip boards in hand stationed at street corners in Minden and Haliburton Village. They are helping the Communities in Action Committee (CIA) and U-Links Centre for Community Based Research to measure levels of active transportation by counting the number of walkers, cyclists and others who are getting around actively.

The purpose of these counts is to learn more about the number of people who use active transportation in these communities. The information gathered will be compared to data that was collected in 2005 and 2007. There have been lots of improvements for walking and cycling in Minden and Haliburton over the past few years. Projects like Riverwalk and the reconstruction of York Street have made it safer and more pleasant to get around. The CIA wants to know how much changes like these have impacted walking and cycling activity and doing on-site counts is one way to find out if there has been a change in activity levels over time.

This is part of a larger two year project to evaluate the work that the CIA has been doing to plan for and promote

active transportation in Haliburton County since 2005. In the fall of 2011, the CIA collected information through an on-line survey about things like the types of active transportation people use, how often they use it, the average distance travelled and where they travel to. The data collected through the manual counts of walkers and cyclists will help the CIA get a clearer picture of actual active transportation use on the streets in Minden and Haliburton Village. If you have a couple of hours to spare and are interested in volunteering to help with the counts, please contact Sonja Marx at U-Links at 286-2411.

The summer months are a great time to walk and bike to places you want to go. Visit our website at www.communitieaction.ca for Walk, Bike & Be Active maps that show you how you can get around actively in Minden and Haliburton Village. For more information about cycling routes in Haliburton County visit www.cyclehaliburton.ca.

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Carnarvon couple celebrates 60 years



Gina Atkinson
Stanhope Life

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Congratulations to Garth and Helen Windsor who this year celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary! They are obviously doing something right! The Windsors married on Feb. 25, 1952 in Nipigon and have been residents of Carnarvon since 1986. They have four children, eight grandchild-

dren and have just had their 13th great-grandchild. Most of the family came up and celebrated this milestone wedding anniversary this past weekend. When I asked Garth his secret to a long and happy marriage his answer was all about sharing, patience and most of all consideration for the other person. We can all learn from this wisdom! We all know it but often don't practice it.

Sixty years is a very long time. Congratulations on getting it right!

This weekend coming up is the Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild 2012 Quilt Show. The theme of the show is the "Colours of Canada" and I have had a sneak peek at the quilts and I am very impressed. This is where I go off mentally thinking of making a quilt and then reality sets in and I ask myself when?

Just like 60 years of marriage for Garth and Helen it takes patience and that's something I lack. I want to make something that doesn't take hours and hours, so a quilt I won't make. Instead I will enjoy the beautiful designs of the many quilts that will be on display starting this Friday, Aug. 3 from 3 to 7 p.m. and continuing on Saturday from 10 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

The location is the Minden Curling Club located on 50 Prentice St., Minden, and admission is \$6. There will be a vendor's market and a tearoom. Pine Reflections will be providing beautiful flowers in their sitting area for you to enjoy when you need a little break.

If you need more information please call Trish Miller-Rohrer at 705-286-4774. Since I won't be making a quilt anytime soon I hope I am the lucky winner of the draw because believe me I will treasure it!

Anybody seen my Ma? She is the one that gets up really early and resorts to old Italian habits such as picking dandelions in the spring and tries to pass them off as spinach to me or along the rocks checking for her version of escargot. No, my mother is not senile; she has done this ever since I can remember. This is an old time Italian country trait bred so deep that at 87 years of age she enjoys carrying on in the old ways of her youth. Since they grew up in a small town in Italy that was poverty stricken everything was looked on as food.

My Ma gets out really early when the rest of us are still in bed and collects these snails and takes them back to her condo, there she keeps them on her balcony and feeds them their last meal of cornmeal. Ma is a generous soul that shares her wealth with her neighbours but she knows better than to give me any. When I eat at her house she loses patience with me when I ask her if any snails are in the meal. Snails can appear on anything from an omelet to a pizza! I'm on guard.

Anyway, last week she had just been on one of her outings and was going back up the elevator with her stash and her plastic bag holding almost nine pounds of critters broke and fell on the floor. Ma was busy trying to collect them as they were trying to get away at a snail's pace. To hear this story made me laugh but to her it was very embarrassing since other people had entered the elevator. She was looking for sympathy from me but I couldn't stop laughing.

It makes me just shake my head, there's absolutely no changing her!
Have a great week!

Notices



CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ALGONQUIN HIGHLANDS

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT APPLICATION

(Application No. AH-ZBA-002/12; Roll No. 46-21-011-000-05910-0000 and 46-21-011-000-07500-0000 - Lock)

TAKE NOTICE THAT the Township of Algonquin Highlands has received a zoning by-law amendment application regarding the above-noted property and in accordance with Section 34(10.1) and 34(10.2) of the *Planning Act*, R.S.O. 1990 has deemed the application to be complete.

ADDITIONALLY, TAKE NOTICE THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Algonquin Highlands will hold a Public Meeting in relation to the application on:

THURSDAY, September 6, 2012
at 9:00 am

Township of Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office
1123 North Shore Road
Algonquin Highlands, Ontario

THE PURPOSE of the Public Meeting is to provide information and receive public input on the Zoning By-law Amendment Application and is held pursuant to Section 34(12) of the *Planning Act*.

The purpose of the proposed by-law is to amend the zoning on the proposed lots from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Hamlet Residential (HR) Zone.

The effect of the By-law will be to satisfy a condition of consent to allow for the division of the property into two lots, as previously existed.

ANY PERSON OR AGENCY may attend and provide representation at the Public Meeting and/or make written representation prior to the meeting, in support of or in opposition to the proposed By-law.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the by-law is passed, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of Council of the Township of Algonquin Highlands to the Ontario Municipal Board.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Algonquin Highlands before the by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED of the decision of the Township of Algonquin Highlands in respect of the proposed By-law, you must make a written request to the Township Clerk/Planning Administrator.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION is available from the Township Office during regular office hours (8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

DATED at the Township of Algonquin Highlands on the 8th day of August, 2012.

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Council will hold two Public Meetings at their Committee of the Whole/General Committee Meeting on August 9th, 2012 at 10:00 a.m. to consider:

- an Application and By-law under section 39 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1991, as amended to authorize the temporary use of land for a purpose otherwise prohibited by Zoning By-law No. 06-10 to permit an accessory structure (Mobile Beer Store) for the retail sale of goods incidental and subordinate to the primary use of the subject lands (Grocery Store) on lands zoned the Village Commercial (C4) Zone on the subject property for a period of up to three (3) years; and

- a Zoning By-law Amendment under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, for files RZ-12-03 for Part of Lot 1, Conc. A, Geographic Township of Anson.

A Special Council meeting will immediately follow the Committee of the Whole/General Committee Meeting on August 9th, 2012 to consider:

- an Application and By-law under Section 39 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1991, as amended, to authorize the temporary use of land for a purpose otherwise prohibited by Zoning By-law No. 06-10 to permit an accessory structure (Mobile Beer Store) for the retail sale of goods incidental and subordinate to the primary use of the subject lands (Grocery Store) on lands zoned the Village Commercial (C4) Zone on the subject property for a period of up to three (3) years; and

- a By-law under Section 135 of the Municipal Act for a Shoreline Tree Preservation By-law and to delegate authority for this area of jurisdiction to the County of Haliburton.



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Olympics offers pleasant change on TV



Patti Fleury
Around the Town

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Another busy weekend here at the old farmhouse this time visiting with cousin Margo from London, Ont. Saturday's 4 p.m. travel by satellite to that other London for the Olympics Opening Ceremony was eagerly anticipated but proved bewildering. For me, when the highlight of Danny Boyle's extravaganza is rubber faced Mr. Bean repeatedly striking one note on a piano something must be missing. Maybe I am just getting too old. The competition coverage, however, has been a welcome change from the usual murder and mayhem on screen and the views of London in the background bring back good memories of our trip to that historic city. According to the radio July 30 is National Cheesecake Day and in keeping with the spirit of that celebration patriotic Bruce has been observed surfing the Olympic coverage channels for Women's Beach Volleyball.

To his disappointment the colder wet weather does not encourage bikinis.

Over 100 cars dropped off items requiring special recycling/disposal at the county's Environmental Day for residents of the Galway area this past Saturday.

The event was well organized and staffed. Laurie Westaway, manager of environmental services for the county, commented that it was great to see so many people out recycling on a sunny day in cottage country and that the county appreciates people doing their part to make sure hazardous materials do not end up in the landfills and pollute our lands and waters. The totals were impressive with three tonnes of household hazardous waste and three tonnes of electronics collected plus much more in other categories.

Here in Kinmount this Thursday, Aug. 2 the popular Music in the Park summer series will feature Johnny Burke centre stage in the Picnic Pavilion at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park. Bring family, friends, neighbours and your lawn chairs along for a 6:30 p.m. start and enjoy a pleasant

evening by the Burnt.

This Saturday, Aug. 4, rain date Aug. 5, the Kinmount Seniors will have bargains galore at their annual yard sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. by the historic Railway Station. Vendors can book a table for \$6 by calling Mike St. Thomas at 705-488-2669 or Rose at 705-488-1614. Also the group's Casino Rama bus trip leaves the Legion at 9 a.m. sharp on Thursday, Aug. 9 returning there at 4 p.m. The cost is only \$5 which includes lunch. To book your seat call the seniors president Mike St. Thomas at the number above.

At the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 it's karaoke night on Saturday, Aug. 18 from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. While there is no admission charge, non-perishable items for the food bank would be appreciated. The Legion will be an active spot with activities related to the Kinmount Fair both pre-fair and during the fair itself. Watch for further details.

With a deadline of Aug. 17 there is still time to send in your nomination for the Kinmount & District Lions Club Citizen of the Year. Be sure to also submit a supporting letter outlining the reasons for your choice and direct it to the

club at Box 15, Kinmount, Ontario K0M 2A0. This year's recipient will be the sixteenth worthy individual so honoured with the number of volunteers who strengthen this community still leaving many others deserving of consideration. For a list of the previous winners please call Dave Anderson at 705-488-2005.

The 14th edition of the Journey for Health is fast approaching with walkers and bike riders heading out on Sunday, Aug. 12 rain or shine. Registration is at 9 a.m. in Austin Sawmill Heritage Park with lunch provided after the walk at 11 a.m. and prizes awarded. This is a great opportunity to collect pledges in support of the Kinmount & District Health Services Foundation which provides the equipment and support systems necessary for the health centre's physicians and staff to provide quality health care. Pledge forms can be picked up at the health centre, the Kinmount Pharmacy or by calling 705-488-2687/2333. If unable to participate directly, but wishing to pledge, your call would be welcome.

Until next week ...

Coming Events

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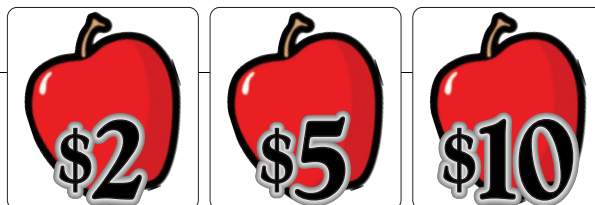
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Trish Miller-Rohrer at 705-286-4774

Show and share

The Junior Naturalists Camp set up at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre last week. The week-long program by Irene Heaven of Out to Learn teaches kids ecological lessons of all kinds. On July 27, children were having a show-and-share of natural treasures. The camp, for children aged seven to 10 will be running at the Haliburton Fish Hatchery from Aug. 6 to 10. Naturally Kids Discovery Day Camp, a more involved day camp for children seven to 12, is running at the Kinark Outdoor Centre this week. For more information, call Heaven at 705-286-3181 or email iheaven@outtolearn.ca. Travis Clarke brought along his guinea pig, Nibbles. Chad Ingram Staff

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Community Calendar link at: www.haliburtonecho.ca

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Every Friday - August 31: Haliburton Farmers Market located in Carnarvon near the intersection of hwy 118 and hwy 35 The market will be open every Friday from 1 to 5.

July 31 - August 8: Qigong and Gentle Yoga in the Head Lake Park this Summer Wednesday mornings from 7:30 - 8:30 am Meet at the front doors of the Dysart Branch of the Haliburton County Library By financial donation to Heritage Ballets 2012 Ballet Adventure For more information check out www.haliburtonyoga.com

August 3/4: Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild 2012 Quilt Show: Colours of Canada located at the Minden Curling Club Aug 3 from 3pm-7pm Aug 4 10am-4:40pm admission \$6 for more info call 7025-286-4774

August 4: Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library's GIANT BOOK AND BOOK BASKET SALE at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre from 9am-1pm

August 4: St. Peter's Church, Maple Lake
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August 6: Seventh Books Alive 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. Minden Cultural Centre / Common Room 174 Bobcaygeon Road, Minden ON

August 7: Minden community centre at 7 p.m. we are having a work shop with Sharon Floyd - Herbal Remedies - make your own lip balm. For more info call Jessie at 286 4141

August 11: Lochlin Community Center Annual Family Fun Day BBQ, Horseshoe tournament (registration at 10) games at 10:30 Pony rides starting at 1:30, Kids baseball at 11:00 (7 years and older) Live music, Silent auction, Games for the whole family

August 11:6-9pm The Hot Flashes and Cold Shoulders, playing at Twelve Mile Lake Historical Church. Bring the whole family to enjoy an evening by the lake with great music, delicious bake sale, exciting raffles & quilt draw! Please bring your own lawn chair

August 11: Haliburton County Snowmobile Associations 6th. Annual Fundraising Golf Tournament at the Lakeside Golf. Contact 705 754 2110 for info \$65.00 per person includes Golf, Cart & Dinner. Also two great hole in one prizes. Book foursomes early

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Please submit events by the Wednesday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Dorset arts and crafts show Aug. 5



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

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Dorset Family Campfire Night with day camp counselors Amanda and Mikayla takes place at the Dorset Parkette this Wednesday, Aug. 1 starting at 6:30 p.m. (weather permitting and if the fire ban is lifted). There will be marshmallows for roasting and old fashioned campfire songs, stories and games. Donations to cover costs are appreciated. Please bring a lawn chair and roasting stick. For more information, contact the recreation centre at 705-766-9968.

The Lake of Bays Anglican parish is holding their annual regatta at Port Cunningham Lodge on Wednesday, Aug. 1 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. and all are welcome. If you would like to help out at this great event, give Reverend Heather a call at 705-641-8787.

The annual Dorset Arts and Crafts Show in the Dorset Parkette is taking place this Sunday, Aug. 5 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Only hand made goods will be presented by local artisans. The Dorset Lions Club will also be hosting a barbecue and bake sale at the show so please come out and support this great cause. All funds raised by the Lions Club go back into community projects.

If you are interested in being a craft vendor, please call the recreation centre at 705-766-9968 for more information or to obtain a craft show application.

The Dorset Recreation Centre will be closed on Monday, Aug. 6 for the Civic Holiday. The staff of the rec centre wish you a happy and safe holiday!

The next Dorset Family Movie Night takes place on Wednesday, Aug. 8 at the Dorset Recreation Centre starting at 6:30 p.m. The movie Rio will be shown (last minute switcharoo with July 25 movie due to DVD availability). Join Amanda and Mikayla for a fun night with free popcorn and beverages available to purchase. Admission is by donation. Call 705-766-9968 for more information.

The Township of Algonquin Highlands will be hosting a community forum on Wednesday, Aug. 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. The township is in the midst of developing a cultural plan and intends to capture what Algonquin Highlands means to you. This is an excellent opportunity for you to contribute to future community planning and development.

Cultural planning is about who we are, where we come from and what we value. That means heritage, landscapes, cottaging, hunting, friendly neighbours, logging, the old

kid's camps, the view from the Dorset Tower and a whole lot more.

If you can't make it on the 8th, other forums are taking place as follows; Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall on Saturday, Aug. 15 from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. and at the Oxtongue Lake Community Centre on Wednesday, August 15 from 7 to 9 p.m.

More details on the overall project are available at www.algonquinhighlands.ca or www.ontariomcp.ca.

The Dorset Lions Club will be hosting their delicious annual spaghetti supper on Thursday, Aug. 9 starting at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under. Contact Eve at 705-766-9906 to reserve your tickets today.

Birthday wishes for the week of July 29 to Aug. 4 go out to Alex Hamilton. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries and special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

If you have items for the Dorset News, please send them to my new email address which is malfano@hotmail.ca or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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November 16, 1938 - July 27, 2012

Passed away peacefully at Scarborough Centenary Hospital on Friday July 27, 2012 in her 74th year. Beloved mother of Linda McCoy and son-in-law Bruce Simon, Keith McCoy, Carl McCoy and step-son Brian Buckland. Also survived by her grandchildren Crystal Bell, Vanetta Belisle, Heather McCoy and Rachel McCoy and her great grandchildren Wesley Bell-Belisle, Ethan Bell-Belisle, Nicole Bell, Amber Docherty and her great grandchild MacKenlySchultz. Predeceased by her Parents Leslie and Mary Harbridge, her husband William Buckland and her grandson Robert Bell Jr. At Mary's request cremation has taken place and there will be not services at this time.

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Deaths

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WRUTH, Gladys Doreen - Passed away peacefully on Friday, July 27, 2012 at The Village of Taunton Mills, Whitby, ON, formerly of Gelert and Lindsay. In her 84th year. She is survived by her sister Ruby Gilbert of Haliburton and by her sons Kirk Harrison of Minden and Aubrey (Wally) Harrison of Peterborough and their families. She is predeceased by her parents James and Margaret (Dugan) Wruth and her siblings Irene, Ez and Murray. She will be missed by her cousins Ann (Jim) Read, Yvonne (Mike) Newell, Gwen (John) Hooper, Carl Dugan and by her great-niece Haley (Stoddard) Friesen. She is remembered, in faith, by Linda Carone and Pastor Joe Hoskin and the family of the New Covenant Church, Courtice. All the staff of Taunton Mills was most helpful and supportive, compassionate and understanding throughout the progress of Gladys' journey with Lewy Body Dementia. Gladys' legacy of many raffle ticket sales is the Canadian Flag flying proudly in front of Claremont Wing at the Village of Taunton Mills. Family and friends are invited to visit at the **GORDON A. MONK FUNERAL HOME Ltd.**, 127 Bobcaygeon Road, P.O. Box 427, Minden, ON K0M 2K0 on Friday, August 3, 2012 from 1:00 pm until the time of the Funeral Service at 2:00 pm. Reception to follow in the family centre. Private interment will be at the Gelert Cemetery in the family plot. There will also be a Celebration of Life Service in the town hall at The Village of Taunton Mills, 3800 Brock Street, Whitby on Tuesday, August 28, 2012 at 2:30 pm. According to Gladys' wishes, donations are requested in lieu of flowers to Epilepsy Durham Region, 209 Dundas St. East, Whitby, ON L1N 7H8 or the New Covenant Church, 242 Harmony Road N., Oshawa, ON, L1G 6L5 and may be arranged at the funeral home. Memories and condolences may be shared at www.gordonmonkfuneralhome.com

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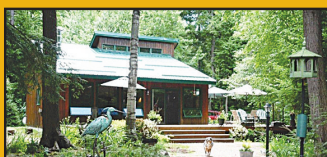
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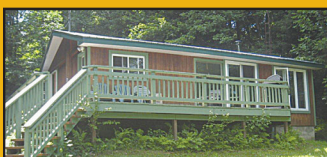
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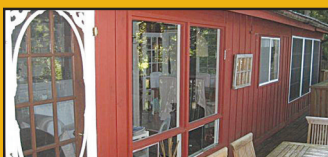
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- New shingles, deck, wiring, insulation
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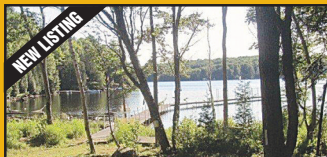
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Charming Cottage \$235,000

- Miskwabi Lake, a 2 lake chain.
- 3 season, NW exp, & great lake views
- Wonderful privacy, well treed
- A great opportunity!

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Little Glamor \$165,000

- Sunset view, 348 ft. of private waterfrontage
- Family-friendly 5.27 acres, pathways & small stream
- Beautifully treed gentle slope leveling at lake
- Yr. rnd. access, hydro, telephone & driveway in

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200 Acres Close to Minden \$219,000

- Just mins from Minden on South Lake Road.
- Large pond, trails, mix of hard/soft woods
- Mostly level, ideal as private retreat or home.
- Adjacent property to Snowdon Park Reserve.

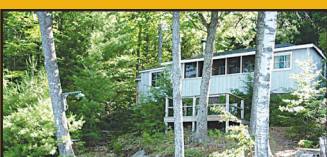
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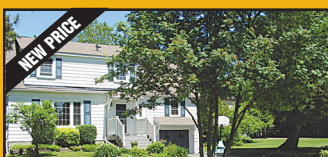
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- Drive to this 800 s.f. starter cottage on .5A
- 2 doors east of gov't docks but set in
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- Original hardwood floors
- Many recent renovations
- Big back yard
- Walk to all amenities

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5 Lake Kashagawigamog Chain \$365,000

- 254 ft. frontage, well treed, great privacy
- Gently sloping lot, miles of boating
- Super location, minutes to town
- Old log cottage with lots of charm

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Minden Home \$224,000

- 3 Br; 2 bath; attached garage
- Open concept design with fireplace
- Large Yard; patio & Gazebo
- Convenient In-town location

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Miskwabi Lake \$399,900

- Charming 3BR chalet on beautiful Miskwabi Lake.
- Very private, level lot, 192' shoreline
- Immaculate cottage, lots of upgrades.
- Miles of boating, year round municipal road.

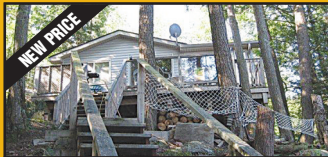
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Canning Lake \$319,900

- 1.7 acre executive size lot with south exp.
- Beautiful year round municipal access
- Well treed and very private
- Nice clean shoreline. close to town.

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Bob Lake \$294,900

- 3 bedroom cottage
- Open concept design
- Many recent renovations
- Lovely private setting

David Lee 286-2138 x 27



Bat Lake \$749,900

- 4300 Sq ft. executive home 3 Km from Minden.
- 96 acres with waterfront access to Bat Lake.
- Barn, Sugar Shack, Chicken coop, Wood shed.
- Total privacy; ATV trails, canoeing and fishing.

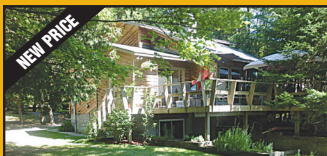
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Family Home \$234,900

- 3 bdr home on level lot
- 2 car garage
- Full partial finished basement
- Great location

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Boshkung Lake \$759,000

- Sunshinel! Sand Shoreline, Prestigious Lake
- 4 Season Cottage - 4 Bdrms 3 Baths
- Nicely treed level lot with great privacy
- Lrg Walkout Basement w/games room+++

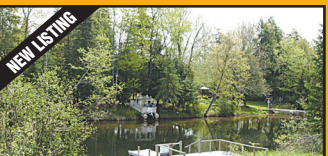
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4 Season Cottage \$269,000

- Spacious and comfortable
- Recently updated interior
- Very private; new garage; bunkie
- Next to 3000 acres of Crown Land

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Boat to Gull Lake \$112,500

- Great swimming and boating
- Close to town hospital & shopping
- Hydro is in - dock is in
- Beautiful private lot, gently sloped to the water

Margie Prestwich 457-2128 x 37



Holly Dog Lake \$139,000

- 60 acres includes a portion of the Lake
- Stocked with rainbow trout
- Road is in, hydro close by
- Close to amenities of Minden

Greg Stamp 457-2128 x 28



Soyers Lake \$539,900

- Easy year round access via township road
- Charming, contemporary cottage
- 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, fireplace, large decks
- Garage, carport, wonderful quiet bay

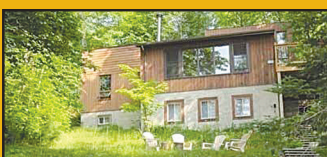
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Large Acreage \$68,500

- Scenic 23-acres with rock outcroppings
- Adjoining the Jimmy Cooper Lookout Trail,
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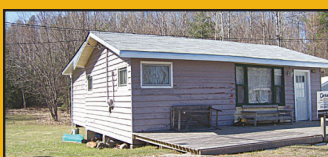
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Bird Lake \$378,500

- Immaculate 3 bedroom; full fin bsmt
- 178' frontage with great privacy
- Sandy beach and south exposure
- Turn-key property. A must see!

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South Lake \$109,900

- 4 Bdrms./1.5 Baths
- Recent Upgrades incl;
- Insulation, shingles, windows etc.
- Co-op Community

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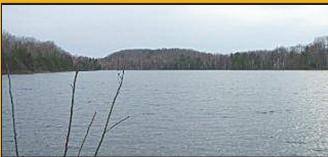
South Lake \$239,900

- When a cottage is a cottage!
- 3 bedroom cottage on 100' lot
- Year round access,
- Close to amenities of Minden

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Fox Lake \$129,000 & \$149,000

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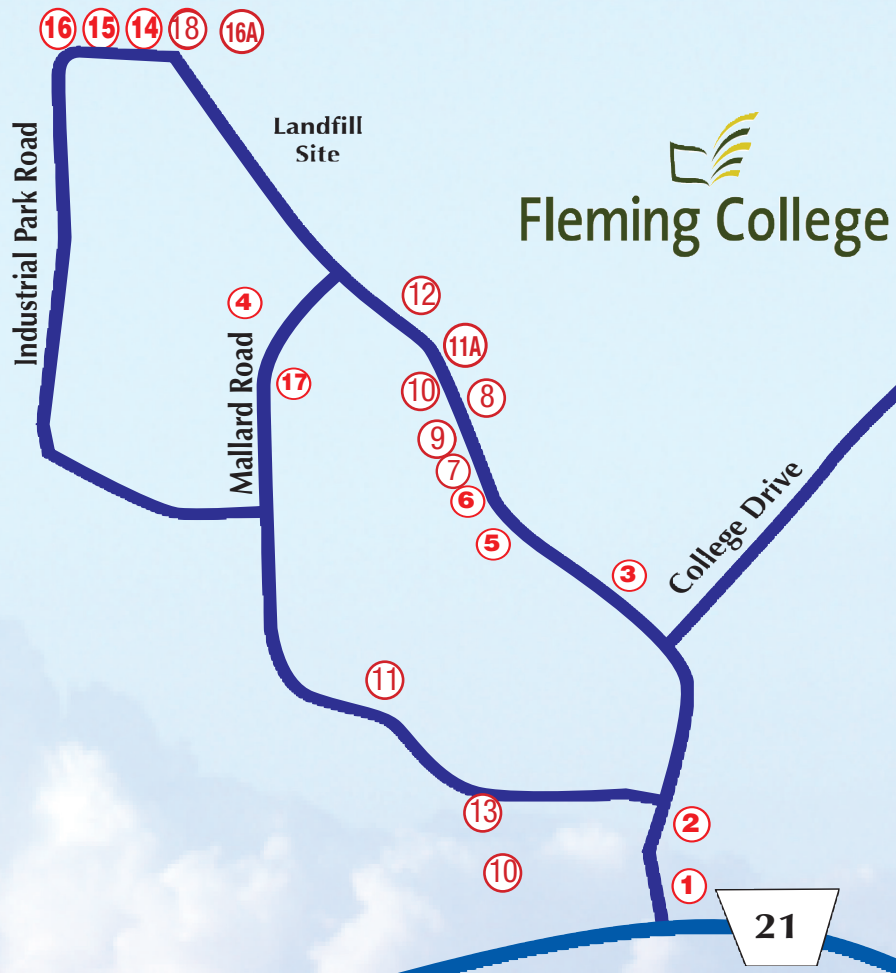
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The running of the bull

Story by Steve Galea

Like every great athletic idea ever conceived, this one was born out of foggy desperation in a bar – Minden's Rockcliffe Hotel to be exact.

Reporter Chad Ingram and I were there researching a full-length exposé on the best way to clink empty beer bottles when he was struck by the uncontrollable urge to flex a little machismo. Perhaps it had something to do with the fact that he was feeling slightly insecure in the lady's aerobic clothing he was wearing.

"That's the last time I bet about the average diameter of moose turd with you," he said. "How about we bet again? This time I bet that I can beat you in a foot race to that fire hydrant on the corner and back. If I win, you wear the aerobics outfit, if I lose, I'll do the lipstick and blush just like you requested ..."

I looked over from the patio and saw the hydrant in question.

"Whoa! Hold on, Ironman!" I exclaimed. "That thing is at least 25 yards away!"

"I know," he gulped. "But we're manly men in the prime of life. Besides the guys at the next table are checking out my cleavage..."

Who could blame them?

"Hey, he's with me!" I yelped.

Shortly after, it occurred to me this was exactly how the Highland Yard started – I mean, provided you discounted the fact that neither of the two guys was wearing ladies' clothing, there were no man-boobs involved and the originators were actually fit enough to do the run.

Yes, 40 years ago, things were very different.

That's when one counsellor from Camp Onondaga bet another that he could beat him in a footrace to the Rockcliffe Hotel. Now, here we were, sitting within yards of that historic finish line.

Maybe it had something to do with Olympic fever. Perhaps I felt a need to flex a few muscles of my own. Or maybe it came from an overwhelming curiosity to see Ingram run braless in that get up. Whatever the motivation, I zipped up my form-fitting ladies' track suit and accepted his challenge.

At Chad's call we sprinted out of the blocks. With leg muscles straining and lungs sucking in air, I quickly realized the exhilaration a gazelle on the African plains must feel. But that was quickly forgotten as the race entered into the second, grueling 10 yards, which mostly consisted of wheezing, clutching of the heart, frothing at the mouth and desperate, laboured crawling.

The hydrant was almost within reach, when I finally tore my eyes away from Chad's hypnotic, heaving bosoms.

And that's when Highland Yard veteran runner Jane Boyd mercifully interceded.

"Are you guys OK?" she asked

"We're.....we're.....we're....." huffed Ingram.

"Fine," I wheezed.

Fifteen minutes later, after the oxygen, we explained to Jane how clinking beer bottles, the Olympic fever and the Highland Yard had inspired us to become world-class athletes.

"Which world?" she asked.



It all started with an exposé on clinking empty beer bottles at the Rockcliffe Hotel.



Trying to make it to the fire hydrant proves too difficult.



Jane Boyd literally whips Steve and Chad into shape.

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Let the race be over

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"So you don't think we'll make the Olympic Team?" Chad asked.

Her answer was less than assuring.

Still, because she was an athlete and because, inexplicably, she had a new whip and a few minutes to kill before she met her husband, Jane took it upon herself to help us train.

First came the stretching exercises. Then, after the Charlie horses subsided to mere ponies, she took us for a brief six-metre jog.

Within 20 minutes, we were feeling like real athletes. So we drove the 20 yards back to the Rockcliffe and started the race once again.

This time there was no holding back. Chad ran like the wind – but only because those guys tried to buy him a drink. And I followed.

Halfway to the hydrant, we were neck and neck again. But when we reached it, who won was anyone's guess – mostly because we both blacked out.

Even so, Jane was proud of us. And so she did what she told us every runner does to those he or she respects – she poured freezing cold ice water on us and laughed uncontrollably.

Between you and me, I think she wanted to see Ingram in a wet T-shirt.

Hey, who could blame her?

If you actually have the ability and desire to run, the modern-day Highland Yard is something you should seriously consider. The event, which takes place on the morning of Sunday, Aug. 5, is reviving a 40-year-old tradition for a couple of great causes. Runners can participate in 10



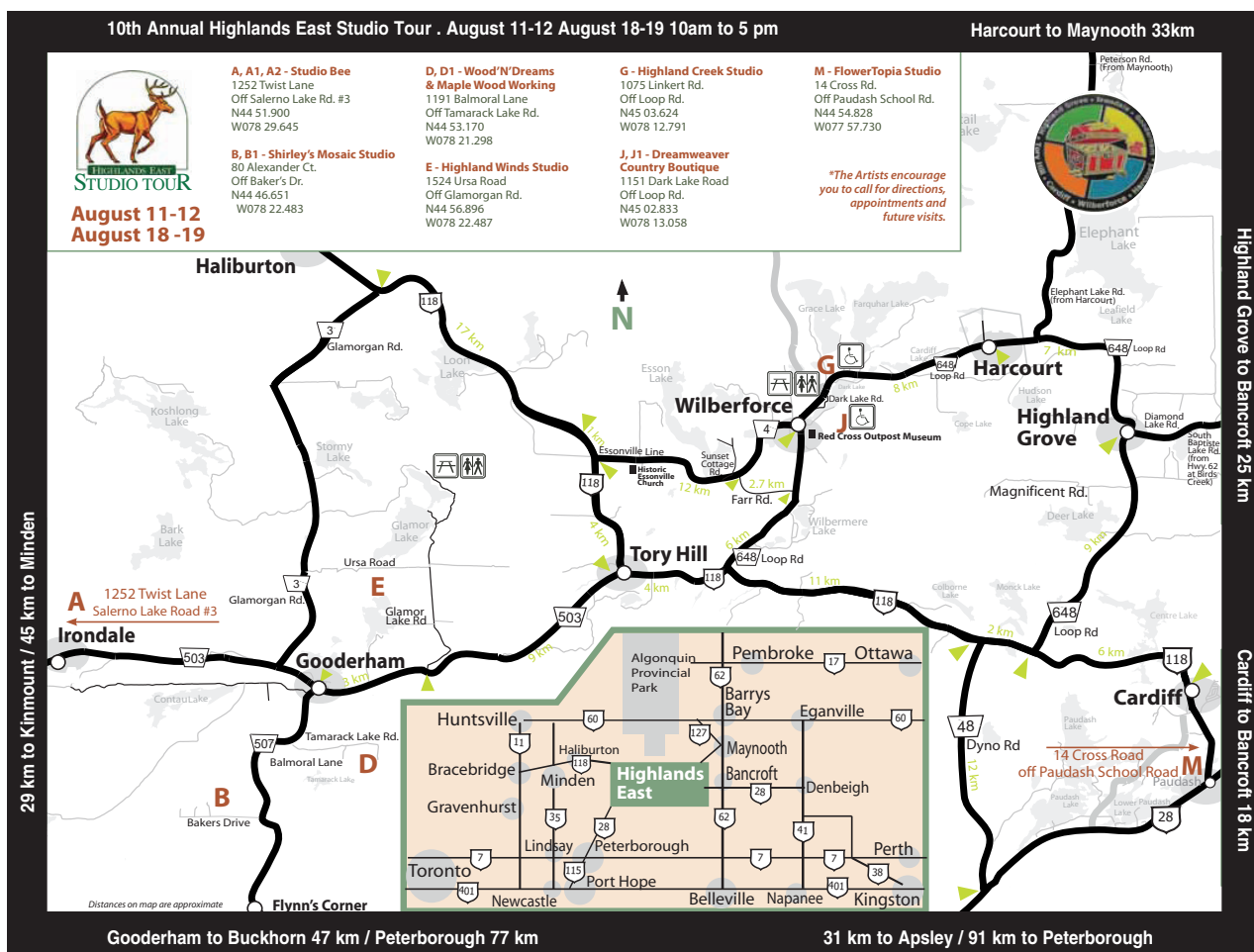
Jane celebrates the successful run by dumping ice cold water on Chad, left, and Steve.

and five kilometre runs or a two-kilometre walk with the proceeds from registration and pledge sheets going to the Rotary Club of Minden and Places for People to support

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Growing a container garden

Story and photo Janice Hardy
Haliburton County Master Gardener

Even the smallest of spaces can enjoy the beauty of flowers or vegetables in well arranged containers. Container gardening is about more than just filling a pot with a few plants. It is about art in your garden, on your deck, on your balcony. It is about understanding and using plant knowledge and applying design concepts to create an attractive, sophisticated garden in a container. By considering composition using colour, form, and texture, containers can provide season-long interest to any patio, deck and balcony or even those hard-to-fill spaces in the garden.

The Container

Choosing the container is as important as choosing the plants. If choosing a fibreglass or wooden pot be sure there are sufficient drainage holes in the bottom. Decorated clay pots are gorgeous but this means that more care will be required to maintain the health of the plants. Clay dries out more quickly as water evaporates more easily than from plastic or fibreglass containers and require more work to store during the winter months.

The Media

The media can be any potting soil, but a moisture lock potting mix with or without some starter nutrients is ideal. The choice of a potting mix verses garden soil is made for a number of reasons. Soil does not drain well in containers. This leaves the potential of roots becoming soggy, reducing the oxygen availability to the roots and the decline in the health of the plant. Potting mixes are sterilized to kill weeds seeds and pathogens, are generally pH balanced, have good drainage properties and often have a small amount of nutrients available to young plants.

Cover the drainage holes with pot shards. The use

of gravel, which we often learned from our mothers was the appropriate thing to do, raises the water table of the pot, leading again to the problem of soggy roots and soil-borne diseases. By choosing to cover the holes in this way, the water table of the pot is equal to the bottom of the pot. If desired, one could cover the holes with polystyrene packing peanuts enclosed in clean, onion netting. This serves the dual purpose of containing the soil in the pot and lightening a heavy terracotta planter.

To mitigate dryness due to evaporation, water-absorbing polymers can be added to the soil mix. When wet, these polymers hold up to 200 times their weight in water. As the growing medium dries out, the polymers release the water for plant use. This will help reduce the watering needs of the container, however, it is important to check the planters daily for watering and disease or insect infestation.

Another amendment to the media is slow release fertilizer in the ratio of 1:2:2. Once the media is moist and the fertilizer has absorbed some water, soil temperature is the only factor that affects the long-term release of the nutrients. The label on the fertilizer should inform the gardener of the ideal release temperature. Temperatures above the ideal will release the fertilizer more quickly and temperatures below the ideal will release the fertilizer more slowly than what is documented on the label. Apply the fertilizer to the media at the recommended rate for the size of the pot. Using a water-soluble fertilizer after the first three or four months may be needed to keep containers healthy and beautiful.

Water is added to the potting mix to moisten the soil after the water-absorbing polymers and slow release fertilizer are added and before planting. Potting mix can be quite dry coming out of the bag. Water is added and mixed in to the media and let sit for one or two hours for full absorption.

The Design

For the design, plants enjoying similar growing conditions are selected based on colour, shape and texture. In terms of colour, analogous colours such as yellow and orange that are next to each other on the colour wheel can be chosen with a splash of contrast to add some drama. Examples include the harmonious hues of yellow rudbeckia and margarita daisy with orange canna flowers contrasting with dark purple leaves of a sweet potato vine the burgundy canna lily leaves. An ornamental grass with its finely textured green leaves and soft tan-coloured plumes adds texture to the appearance.

In addition to the design principles outlined above, other key components to designing planters are what have come to be known as thrillers, fillers and spillers. The thriller is the focal point of the container that draws the eye and adds height. Fillers make up the mid container space without distracting from the focal point. Spillers are cascading plants that flow over the edge of the container and fill the spaces left after planting the fillers. Plants with different or long blooming periods or that display distinctive foliage, some of which may change colour with the onset of fall, provide interest over the season.

After filling the container to about two-thirds full with media, arrange the plants as per your design. Remember our growing season tends to be short so fill the container putting plants close together so the planter looks full right from the start. Plants, especially annuals, will still have lots of room to grow.

The largest plant should be planted first, followed by a grass and then the filler and spiller plants using the remaining media. Fill the container with the pre-moistened media to approximately 2.5 centimetres or one inch below the edge of the pot for water catchment. As with the garden, plants should be planted no

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Use thrillers, fillers and spillers for a nice mix

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deeper than they are in the original pot.

The Thrillers

It is important to consider the perspective or angle of view when planting the container. The thrillers can be placed in either the centre of the container or towards the back of the planter and slightly off centre depending on the angle of view. Examples of thrillers are canna lilies if the container is large enough, a medium or tall grass, a mandevilla or for smaller containers a geranium or spike.

The Fillers

The filler plants are shorter than the thrillers and there are more of them. Petunias, calibrachoa, begonias and impatiens are often used, but there are many varieties of annuals or perennials that could fill this role. If using perennials, then dig them out of the containers about six weeks before the ground freezes and plant in the garden. It will take about six weeks for the roots to settle in for winter. For some deer resistance try adding cleome and cosmos. The calibrachoa also emit an odour deer don't seem to like. From personal experience a deer sniffed two of the planters with calibrachoa, cleome and cosmos as the fillers and continued walking right on by!

The Spillers

Ipomoea batatas or sweet potato vine is a very popular spiller in containers. Chosen primarily for its foliage, this plant has stunning purple leaves that spill over the edges of the container trailing up to 150 centimetres. But don't limit yourself to the potato vine. Try something like portulaca that nicely spills over, the plant or verbena that will not only spill over but will weave its way through the container adding variety to the filler plants. Calibrochoa is versatile and can be used as both the fillers or the spillers.

Maintenance

This container will need to be checked daily for watering needs although the water-absorbing polymers will keep the plants moist for a period of time. Morning watering is best so plant

leaves have an opportunity to dry during the day thereby helping to avoid any disease problems. Even in seasons with high rainfalls, containers still need to be watered as rarely is enough rain absorbed to meet the plant's needs. Water when the soil feels dry for a depth of 2.5 centimetres and if possible try to avoid wetting the leaves.

If a slow release fertilizer was mixed into the media, additional fertilizer may not be required. However, with the hot summer temperatures in Ontario, the release of nutrients may be faster than anticipated. My preference is to add a water-soluble fertilizer every two to four weeks during periods of rapid growth and bloom period. If desired, a half strength water soluble fertilizer can be added weekly. If using perennials in the container, reduce the fertilizer in the fall and do not fertilize once planted in the ground. This will encourage the plant to harden off for the winter.

Deadheading of spent flowers will encourage continuous blooms throughout the summer and keep the arrangement looking tidy. Any damaged or diseased stems will need to be pruned out and some shaping may be required. While deadheading, plants can be inspected for bugs and disease.

Slugs, snails and earwigs can be picked off. Aphids are another common problem in container plantings and can be sprayed off with water if the infestation is mild. The use of an insecticidal soap on the undersides of leaves and on stems is also helpful.

If the plants can be overwintered, then disassemble the arrangement in mid to late September or early October so that the perennials will have an opportunity to establish themselves in the landscape before winter sets in.

The containers may also require maintenance before the winter. Generally wooden or fibreglass containers require little care except washing off or in some cases removal of soil and storage. A terracotta container needs to be washed and dried and stored in the basement as it can freeze and crack in the cold winter weather. Prior to planting in the spring, the pot should be washed again with soap and water, rinsed and sterilized



A mix of splashy flowers with filler foliage and draped plants can create a living work of art.

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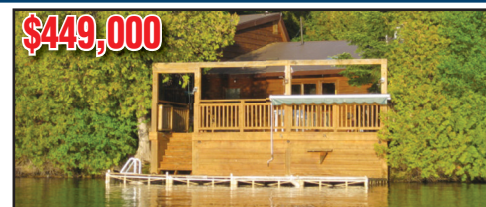
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Husk Prancers: Lake W Style

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Fireside stories

Why if our very own Lake WhaddythinkI meanantians didn't just take part in Lake W's third annual Husk Prancers in the park. And EVERYBODY was there, including 'ol Maybelle, don'tcha know. Year-rounders, cottagers, day-trippers holding up their eye-phones, ear-phones, nose-phones (what is this planet coming to?) taking pictures of all the prancers...Twindle

Mumbly, Vilma Yuccch, Officer Stanley Penelope McBottom, Sybil Beaucannon-Hughes plus 15 kiddies and yours truly dressed like corn on the cob in toe shoes. 'Course, some of us had the toes cut OUT of our shoes so we wouldn't fall over, don'tcha know.

And OH how we pranced all night by the light of Beanpole Starkman's Tiger Moth bi-plane parked right next to the statue of Lake W's founding father, Max Winkleman-FitzBorshtberg (who was also wearing toe-shoes thanks to little Stuey Miffkin's prank! Why last year he had Max W-F wearing STILETTOS!).

What a peachy job Vilma Yuccch did choreographing

the whole thing. Why who'da thought you'd ever see Officer McB (who's built like Arnold Schwarzenegger only bigger) prancing across the lawn, his big boulder shoulders sprouting corn husks ... while Twindle Mumbly stood on toe trying to lift Sybil Beaucannon-Hughes (who's twice his size) above his head.

Why the harder he tried, the redder poor 'ol Twindle's face got 'til finally, she jumped straight into his arms and if he didn't sink six whole inches down into the ground, buckle to his knees, and flop face forward on his niblets, don'tcha know.

Why the crowd went wild. They thought it was planned. And who knows. Maybe it was. That Vilma Yuccch may look like Barbie, but she's as sharp as a tack.

And how sweet the kiddies were prancing around like bobbing rows of corn. Why the only thing that was missing was BUTTER!

Now this never could have happened if it weren't for those terrific Dusk Dancers who come to Haliburton Village every year. Why the first time Vilma, Officer McB, Twindle, Sybil, Beanpole and I saw them we were so inspired, we vowed to do our own version Lake W-style.

And that's when the miracle happened.

Why if Mitchell McFirstmer-Foothnoy didn't come offering us costuming materials straight from his one and only corn patch in Lake WhaddythinkI mean and, well, the rest is history. And will always be ... thanks to folks

video-taping it every summer and putting Husk Prancers up on YouTube.

And there's more.

Just when the kiddies were prancing around the Lake W ferry fountain, a whole band of ukuleles appeared. That's right. The entire Lake WhaddythinkI mean Ukulele Folks Society Players – all 26 of them climbed out of Beanpole Starkman's two-seater bi-plane like they were squeezing out of a clown car.

And if they weren't playing "Five Foot Two" on their ukes which caused Lorne Klumpner's border collie, Ellen, to run smack centre of the lawn, throw her head back, her speckled barrel chest out, and sing at the top of her lungs like a Diva Dog.

Why, Twindle didn't even mind when Ellen finished singing and chased him into the lake. And neither did the Lake W volunteer firefighters who were just waiting to join in the fun.

Before you knew it, the firefighters, the whole bunch of Husk Prancers and half the crowd were jumping in the lake laughing and splashing and having a great 'ol time.

Now, if you haven't been to Lake W yet, make sure you come and see Husk Prancers next summer ... and bring your bathing suit, don'tcha know.

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THREE GREAT PAPERS ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES

Minden Hills Cultural Centre presents the Highlands Sustainable Words Festival

Story by Janet Trull

Different than a typical literary festival, the Highlands Sustainable Words Festival will showcase the power of words in a variety of forms. The launch will take place on Aug. 6 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, which includes the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, the Minden Hills Museum, the library and R.D. Lawrence Place, all on four beautiful acres. If you haven't been there before, it's at 176 Bobcaygeon Rd. Look for the big tent.

What is a Sustainable Words Festival?

"When the committee began working on the literary festival, we chose the name Sustainable Words Festival to mirror what R. D. Lawrence Place was about: writing, and sustainability and those two things are not mutually exclusive. We 'consume' words as readers of newspapers, magazines, books, movies, documents and advertisements. Within that, we find information, beauty, solace and humor to inform our decisions," festival chairwomen Brigitte Gall says.

"R.D. Lawrence Place is an environmentally themed building, based on the writings and practices of Ron Lawrence. He was a prolific writer, a champion of the natural world and passionate about the need to find balance within the world we share with animals and plants or risk losing those very things that our survival depends upon.

"So, with those two pieces at the cornerstone of both the building and the festival, we decided that The Sustainable Words Festival was an appropriate name."

Launching the Festival The day begins with Books Alive, presented by the Haliburton Highlands Writers' and Editors' Network. They are an incredible group of



Seamus Jarrett-Lynch is the youngest participant in Minden's literary festival. /Photo submitted

artists within our county, and they will be kicking off the festival by introducing and celebrating a line-up of local authors of various disciplines (fiction, non-fiction, poetry). Authors Rosemary McCracken, Jim Poling Sr., Graeme Lottering, Neil Campbell, Pat Brown, Brenda Peddigrew and Tom Taylor will give readings, sell and sign their books.

TED-Style Talks The afternoon will continue with two engaging talks given by dynamic presenters Judith Bainbridge and Graeme Lottering. Readings by internationally acclaimed authors Ava Homa, Doris Heffron and Drew Hayden Taylor will follow.

Performing with Words The evening event is generating much excitement. Under the big tent, the festival is very proud to present comics, singer/songwriters, poets and authors including Brigitte Gall, Arlene

Bishop, John Unrau, Jai Cruz, Rosemary McCracken and Seamus Jarrett-Lynch the youngest participant in the festival.

Seamus will be reading his short story, "My Encounter" at the evening performance. He is quick to list the mentors who encouraged him to pursue his passion for writing: Megan Kennedy, his Grade 2 teacher, his dad who writes poetry, his mother and grandmother who write for local newspapers, and Canadian Métis author David Bouchard who inspired him with the advice: "Don't wait until college to be a writer."

Seamus, who is currently doing research for a non-fiction book about crime, gave his thoughts as to what sustainable writing is all about. "You don't have to go to Oprah's Picks to find a good book," Jarrett-Lynch believes. "There are lots of good writers here in our community."

Their performances will set the stage for headliner Drew Hayden Taylor.

Wait a minute! Drew Hayden Taylor? Here, in the Highlands?

Born and raised nearby on the Curve Lake First Nation, Taylor has performed stand-up at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C., and was a finalist of the 2010 Governor General's award for his novel, *Motorcycles & Sweetgrass*. The *Toronto Star* wrote: "*Motorcycles & Sweetgrass* may be concerned with aboriginal community politics, identity, mythology and intergenerational legacies, but it reads like a romp ... Funny and effervescent." The *Chronicle Herald* wrote: "A cultural blend of legend, magic and modern life." Not surprising, when the organizers of the event went looking for "a spark," they called Drew Hayden Taylor.

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Lost and found in Haliburton Highlands

Column and photo by Hamish Gordon

On Canada Day weekend I was the fortunate guest of the King family on Halls Lake. But it was at Fort Irwin and on the Harburn Road that I made a remarkable re-discovery.

It was a re-discovery because I was returning to the Highlands that I once called home in the summer of 1984 when I worked for this publication under Len Pizzezy.

Yes, I was once a roving reporter, photographer and general dog's body for the *Echo* back when the *Minden Times* and the *Echo* scrambled for headlines and battled for the best feature articles. And I did love the competition to fill those broadsheet pages. So you could say I was once very intimate with the Highlands near and far.

So, on this weekend, instead of racing all over the county in the blue *Echo* van waving back at friendly Highlanders as I used to love doing, I was racking up mileage on my stealthy carbon fibre, super light Bianchi 22-speed bicycle. Indeed, I am now an aging warhorse who loves to race his bike at every opportunity that my real estate career in Mississauga permits. It's my vain attempt to turn back the hands of time.

In any event, cottaging with the Kings and training in the Highlands are my favourite things to do.

Not only because of the tired cottage road surfaces, or because of the amazingly friendly Halls Lake cottagers who drop by the Kings every five minutes, but because of the undulations and rolling hills that

dance around your glistening lakes and rivers. It is a road cycling paradise.

And last weekend I found an even more profound reason to fall in love, as a cyclist, with the Haliburton Highlands again.

Yes, after having been swallowed up by the motor-ing mayhem of the Greater Toronto Area suburbs for the past 20 years, I had forgotten what remarkable people populate the shores and river embankments of the Highlands.

My morning ride began with Alison and Brad King, my wife Lucie Cousineau and Kennisis Lake cottagers, Diane and Jeff Rushton.

We circled around Halls Lake, to Highway 35, then along the North Shore Road past the Stanhope Airport all the way to West Guilford where we met the Rushtons.

If interested, I know the location of each and every pothole on the North Shore, but it was much later that I became a victim of my own enthusiasms and your road surfaces.

We all made it to the charming Heritage House Café on Pine Street in Haliburton (where I incidentally had rented a second floor room in that summer of '84). Gushing over our wonderful ride, we agreed to make this Canada Day Ride to Haliburton Village an annual event.

Indeed it had been a very pleasant ride at a civilized pace, but I was not satiated by the 40-kilometre round trip with the ladies.

I was still hungry! Hungry to break away on my own and ride at unrestricted speeds.

And so I did. At Highway 35 and Harburn Road,

I took off on my own to ride the 20 kilometre roller coaster that is Harburn Road. I was exhilarated all the way to the top of the last hill before Harburn descends into Fort Irwin. And that is where I made my remarkable re-discovery that prompted this letter.

I flatted. So who cares? Well, apparently everybody.

The issue was that clever me had flatted without a spare tube or tools, and with no cellphone to call for help and I really couldn't remember where I was in relation to Halls Lake and West Guilford where I had started this epic journey.

Yes, you may well ask, what was I thinking riding without a spare tube in the Haliburton wilderness on cottage roads? Well, I was on a brand new set of wheels with brand new tubeless tires, much like a car tire except very much narrower – 23 millimetres, to be exact. I was told, "They will never go flat!" Yet, here I was stranded.

I did not panic, but I did look pathetic.

Standing around, alone in my blue and white spandex and white racing shoes with a broken bike at the side of the road, I contemplated my immediate future for about 90 seconds.

I knew I was at least 40 kilometres from Halls Lake but I knew not in what direction. Ninety seconds later the first passerby in his red SUV towing a log splitter going the opposite direction came to a stop.

"How you doing there? Need a ride?" he inquired.

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Extreme acts of kindness

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"Well, actually, where is West Guilford?"

"Jeez, not sure, but Fort Irwin is just at the bottom of the hill, and there is a gas station right there. Want a ride?"

I was astounded. He was pointing in the wrong direction towing a log splitter yet was offering to turn around and drive me 300 metres to the gas station.

"That's very kind but I can walk and make a phone call, but thank you for stopping."

I messed around with my flat tire for another 30 seconds when another female Haliburtonian in a Caravan with two kids in the back stopped and offered to help.

Again I thanked her and declined assistance, as I felt sure I could fix this flat.

How, I am not sure. I needed time to think but kept getting interrupted, this time by a third passerby offering to drive me ... anywhere.

The tire did still have about 30 pounds of pressure in it so I put the wheel back on the bike and rolled carefully down the hill to the gas station.

I dismounted and walked across the broken rough pavement around the gas pump.

As I walked my bike toward the porch of the gas station, another Highlander filling her tank remarked "Hey there, did you see the Tour de France this morning on TSN? Great finish!"

It's like we'd been neighbours for a half a lifetime.

Again I was astounded by the friendly demeanour. And since when do Canadians, except avid cyclists like myself, watch or even find the Tour De France on TV?

"I wish I had seen it," I replied.

On the front porch in the shade I dismantled the rear wheel again and applied the canister of foam injection I was carrying to try to seal the sidewall puncture. It was not working.

The white foam sealant, like shaving cream, gushed out of the pinhole puncture on the sidewall and the valve. I was SOL.

This tire was finished and I was confounded yet again. So I went inside and asked for phone book to call the Kings.

The attendant was delightful of course, and dialed the number for me – 10 times while she served a steady stream of Canada Day customers in the heat of the day.

I decided I could not hang around inside the store, so I sat on the porch forlorn wondering how in the heck I was going to get home with no tube, and a punctured tire. Inside the attendant kept calling the number and getting a busy signal.

I sat powerless on that porch and pondered my immediate future yet again. But something remarkable was actually happening. I met families, dogs, couples and teenagers all of whom wanted to help me but couldn't.

So they merely engaged me in conversation about biking, boating, the weather or their yappy, adorable dog.

My world had finally stopped and I was able to observe what a wonderful world it really was.

And then it happened.

An extreme act of kindness.

Jamie Brown was his name, a young local cottager in his 30s, and he lived five minutes down the road.

"Hey I have a buddy just like you. He rides like a 100 kilometres a day just to train and he has everything you need to fix a flat."

"Really? That's awesome, but I need a tire, a tube and a floor pump."

That is a tall order in the middle of Haliburton Highlands at a marina, I thought to myself.

"No problem," Jamie said. "I will be back in 10 minutes"

Ten minutes later I was gob smacked, when Jamie arrives with everything on my list including the right size valve on the tube.



Canada Day couples ride at Heritage House Café Jeff and Diane Rushton of Kennisis Lake, Lucie Cousineau and Hamish Gordon of Mississauga, Brad and Alison King of Halls Lake.

How could this be and where am I?

I fixed the flat within five minutes. Left the pump at the gas station to be retrieved later by Jamie and I was on my way.

And all the way back to Halls Lake, which is precisely 40 kilometres, I marveled at what wonderful world it really is when you are down and out in the Haliburton Highlands on a summer's day.

Oh, and Jamie, the tire and a new tube are in the mail to you presently.



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The growing season

Column and photo by Steve Galea

Down the dusty dirt road, just before it sweeps gracefully out of sight, I see shrubs shake. Then, one by one, 12 turkeys step out of the underbrush. Two are adult hens; the remainder are pheasant-sized poults.

These look like miniature versions of their mothers, perfectly proportioned and just as jittery too. But there is also a newness about them. Call it the freshness of youth if you like. Their feathers seem less tattered, their colours less worn, their demeanour more innocent.

They are looking at the world through new eyes. They are learning what is required to survive in the rough-hewn country in which they were born.

The hens are there to guide them.

So they waste no time herding their charges across the road. They marshal the parade to the other side and then stand watch as the poults gorge as only growing offspring can.

I'm guessing those young birds hatched sometime around the first of May – an early spring moved everything up this year.

Those 10 are the lucky ones. For it is

estimated that, even in good years, only half of turkey nests succeed. And then up to 80 per cent of the young get taken by raccoons, crows, owls, foxes, coyotes and dogs and cats. They're especially vulnerable in the first two weeks of life when they can't fly and roost under their mother on the ground.

Now, however, they're living large off the fat of summer. They eat insects like they're going out of style. I suspect they gathered here to cash in on the grasshoppers – for they are everywhere right now. Insects contain the protein they need to grow. And grow they do – in the first month of life, they doubled their weight each week.

Their story is just one of many.

Throughout the woods, in the fields and on our waters, there are countless others. The growing season is here and young of the year, whether fish, fowl or fauna are doing their best to exploit the bounty of food and stay one step ahead of their predators.

Some will succeed. Many will fail.

But, by summer's end, a new generation of wildlife will be well positioned to face the struggles of winter. And, after that, the cycle will unfurl, once again,



A group of turkeys – two hens and 10 poults – cross a lane down a dusty road in Haliburton.

into another spring.

If we do things right, if our conservation ethic remains unaffected by greed, short-sightedness and personal gain, if we recognize the real value in all of this, we'll see turkey poults, fawns and young mergansers in our lakes for years

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HHHSF receives donation

Members of the Minden Kin Club and the Haliburton ATV Association presented a \$14,000 donation to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation on July 3 at the Minden hospital.

The funds were raised through various events put on by the clubs throughout the year including the Mud Bog, Truck Pull and Ice Races.

From left, HHHS board chair Len Logozar, HHHSF director Peter Oyler, HHHSF executive director Dale Walker, Kin Club members Jim Carrell, Dan Douglas, Tammy Douglas, Dustin Douglas (kid), Karin Koch, Sheila Carrell, president Tom Prentice, ATV Association president Bob Johnson, association directors Harold Clayton and Steve Skidmore.

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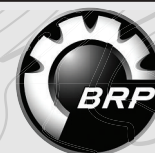


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